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AAC&U STEM Conference Virtual Conference Information

Overview

AAC&U is committed to ensuring that all presenters of the AAC&U STEM Conference are equipped with the appropriate platform, tools, and technical skills for delivering their presentations without incident. To that end, every effort has been made to provide each presenter with a level of support that meets their presentation need. Please, make note of the support structures in place, which are listed below. If there are additional supports that are needed, feel free to reach out to us with your request at conferences@aacu.org.

Virtual Conference Orientation

Virtual Conference Orientation sessions will be provided for all presenters in the weeks leading up to the STEM Conference. The orientation dates are:

- Wednesday, October 14 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am ET
- Friday, October 16 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET
- Thursday, October 22 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm ET

You may sign up for an orientation session by completing this survey:

https://aacu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Txqh0WPYNBjmDj

Orientation sessions will be recorded and made available to presenters so that asynchronous viewing can be done at times that are most convenient for presenters.

Virtual Platforms

AAC&U has secured the use of two virtual platforms, [vConference](#) and [Cadmium](#), to support the STEM Conference. Presenters are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the platform that is most relevant to their presentation format. However, it is also important to note that both platforms utilize traditional Zoom functions for actual face-to-face contact and interaction during the session. Therefore, if the presenter is able to navigate typical Zoom conference tools (e.g., screen sharing, accessing the chat feature, etc.) with relative ease and ability, they will be able to manage presenting in any of the virtual sessions of the STEM Conference. All virtual sessions (except poster sessions) will be recorded and available for asynchronous viewing for up to 30 days following the conference. Presenters will be able to indicate a desire to opt out of recording their session prior to the start of the conference.

Technical Producers

In order to ensure that the presenter is able to focus entirely on content delivery during the session, all sessions of the STEM Conference will be supported by a live technical producer. The technical producer will be trained in our virtual platforms and will be available to troubleshoot any issues that arise during the session. Technical producers will also be able to coordinate session polling and virtual breakout rooms, as needed. Technical producers will contact presenters approximately two weeks before the conference.

Moderators

To ensure that there is consistency in beginning and ending times throughout the conference, all sessions will be staffed with a moderator. Presenters are encouraged to rely upon the moderator to track session time, monitor the chat room (as needed), and create a seamless transition from one presentation to the next.