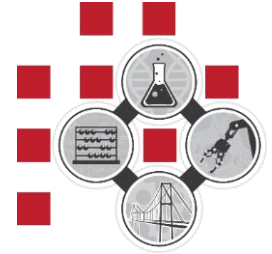


# STAN 2023: Call for Session Proposals



**Submission Deadline: October 23 2023**

Conference to be held on February 27-29, 2024

This year's STAN Conference theme, ***Thinking Outside the Box***, invites participants to challenge the status quo. We will consider questions such as: What practices need to change in order to center equity and sustainability? What beliefs do we need to revisit to keep up with the changing face of education? How can we harness technology to drive innovation and radical change in a resource-constrained sector?

We invite you to join us at the 2023 Science & Technology Awareness Network (STAN) Annual Conference, which will be held primarily virtually. We hope to welcome over 150 delegates from across the country. The three-day Conference will include a mix of invited and member-proposed sessions, engaging and interactive sessions, panels, and keynote speakers. Opportunities to network with your Canadian peers will be offered throughout the program. STAN's Annual General Meeting will be built into the proceedings.

This primarily virtual conference will be supplemented with local in-person networking events in locations with sufficient interest.

***With your experience and expertise, we can jointly develop a unique conference experience.***

This year, you are invited to submit a session proposal (any topic within the conference theme), or to propose a panel member for one of two panel sessions: (1) Sustainability and/or (2) Equity Diversity Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) in STEM.

Below are the details to help you prepare your conference session proposal.

## **More information about the theme**

In order to support the growth and development of both attendees and the field at large, STAN encourages the development of session proposals that connect to the conference theme and keep science literacy at heart.

Sessions may be focused on one or more of the following areas, as examples:

- Equity and inclusivity initiatives in STEM and in our sector
- Progressive approaches to HR

- Technology in support of EDIA
- Driving radical change when you are resource constrained
- Artificial Intelligence in our sector
- The changing face of education
- Understanding the current and changing landscape
- ... *any lessons learned from a project or program you're working on that relates to thinking outside the box!*

### **Tech details**

- STAN will set up and host sessions on the online platform for all presenters. The event will run in a Meeting format as it provides more opportunity for connection. Virtual breakout rooms capability is available, and STAN can implement these for you.
- STAN will work with you to incorporate some base level of interactivity to your session (for example, interactive polling/ word clouds to warm up the audience and to wrap up your session). We will provide the technology to do so, to provide some level of uniformity throughout the conference. You are welcome to incorporate other interactivity tools in your session and the conference committee will be happy to brainstorm with you.

### **Session Proposal format**

All sessions will be assumed to last approximately 75 minutes unless otherwise indicated in your proposal).

We are especially interested in innovative approaches to your presentation or session. Add a trivia aspect, interact with our delegates, encourage critical thinking, or task everyone with an action item. What will our delegates be able to take away and share with their peers after our event?

Typical formats for sessions include but are not limited to:

**Keynote:** A single presenter discussing a primary interest to the assembly, designed to arouse enthusiasm and action. (60 minutes + Q&A = 75 minutes)

**Traditional Panel:** A structured session with three to four presenters in a moderated panel discussion. (60 minutes + Q&A = 75 minutes)

**Fireside-chat:** A free-flowing session with 2 or 3 people who discuss their work and ideas on a particular topic, in an informal interview-style chat. Questions can be taken from the audience throughout.

**Ignite Session:** In this format, multiple speakers present in the same track under a strict set of guidelines designed to keep the information flowing. For example, a session might feature five speakers with each one scheduled for ten PowerPoint slides and ten minutes to present their ideas. The result is a fast-paced session that changes topics several times to keep the audience on their toes.

**Roundtable:** A Roundtable is a 60-minute group discussion on a precise theme among up to 10 participants in a virtual breakout room. Roundtable presenters should bring targeted questions to post to participants at the table in order to learn from and with those attending. The presenter is also asked to summarize and conclude on the subject at the end of the session (5-10 minutes).

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

**All proposals are reviewed by the STAN Conference Planning Committee considering some of the following criteria as a guide:**

1. Fits well into Conference theme, and links to at least one secondary theme
2. Demonstrates curiosity, innovation, strategic thinking, playfulness, and/or a vision of the future of Canadian STEM
3. Offers meaningful learning outcomes and/or professional development
4. Presents diverse perspectives and ideas and includes a range of role models
5. Encourages cross-discipline collaboration and networking
6. Engages the audience and/or incites critical thinking
7. Is NOT focused exclusively on describing the work of a specific organization - i.e. involves several organizations and/or strives to offer generally applicable take-aways.

### Timeline

Call for Proposals deadline: October 23, 2023

Presenters confirmed to attend before December 1, 2023

Questions? [Contact us.](#)

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## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Submit a document with the following information, by email to [stanrsst@gmail.com](mailto:stanrsst@gmail.com) before end-of-day October 23, 2023.

**Name of session leader / speaker** (who is submitting the proposal)

**Organization**

**Contact info** (email, address)

**Is this a proposal for a Panel Speaker or for a Session** (complete the associated sections below)

### **PANEL SPEAKER PROPOSAL**

**Please include the full names, preferred pronouns, organizations, positions/titles, social media, languages spoken**

*Presenter bios are encouraged, they will be required if approved.*

**Select the topic (s)**

- Sustainability
- EDIA in STEM

**Please provide a description of the perspective you would like to offer on this topic (max 200 words):**

**Theme connections:**

**Learning Outcomes and Interactivity description:**

***Is the presenter a person who:***

- has not previously presented at a STAN Conference
- is youth or students (high school, college, or university)
- identifies as First Nation, Métis and/or Inuit
- identifies as members of the LGBTQ2S+ community
- identifies as members of a racialized group
- identifies as persons with a disability(ies) or differently-abled
- otherwise identifies with a equity deserving group (please specify)

### **SESSION PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

**Session Title:**

**Session Format:**

**Session Duration:**

**Session short description (max 40 words):**

**Session long description (max 500 words):**

**Tech requirements or questions (see call for proposal for more details):**

**Theme connections:**

**Learning Outcomes and Interactivity:**

**Participant limit (we encourage you to plan for up to 150 attendees):**

### **Presenter information**

**Session Coordinator** (A Session Coordinator is responsible for communicating with the STAN Conference Planning Committee, ensuring that the speakers are confirmed, that the session is coherent as a whole with a clear strategic intent, and for successfully meeting the conference objectives as outlined in the proposal.):

#### **Number of presenters:**

**Please include presenters names, preferred pronouns, organizations, positions/titles, social media, languages spoken:**

*Presenter short bios are encouraged (up to 3 sentences).*

#### ***Are any of your presenters people who:***

- have not previously presented at a STAN Conference
- are youth or students (high school, college, or university)
- identify as First Nation, Métis and/or Inuit
- identify as members of the LGBTQ2S+ community
- identify as members of a racialized group
- identify as persons with a disability(ies) or differently-abled
- otherwise identifies with a equity deserving group (please specify)

#### **Agreement:**

- I will provide STAN with an electronic version of my presentation and/or handouts to share with the membership online.
- I agree to have my session recorded and shared with conference registrants and STAN members.
- If my proposal is accepted, I have the necessary organisational approvals to attend the conference.

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Signature