



Call for Proposals
October 20-22, 2021
New York, New York, USA
October 27-29 Online

International Virtual Exchange Conference 2021

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IVEC 2021 is the largest and most prominent event on virtual exchange, providing a forum for professors, administrators, students and technical staff from institutions around the world interested in the growing practice of Virtual Exchange. Virtual Exchange provides authentic opportunities for intercultural and transnational engagement and learning using technology to connect people around the world. Through collaborative activities and courses, virtual exchange supports the development of transferable skills for living and working globally, and provides opportunities for applied learning experiences. For more information about the conference and the practice of virtual exchange, please visit IVEConference.org.

IVEC 2021 will be co-hosted by Drexel University and the State University of New York (SUNY) COIL Center, in collaboration with the representative institutions on the IVEC Steering Committee: DePaul University, Durban Institute of Technology, East Carolina University, FAUBAI Brazilian Association for International Education, UNICollaboration, Universidad de Monterrey, and University of Washington Bothell. IVEC 2021 will feature both **in-person and online** conference opportunities.

We invite proposal submissions from individuals, institutions and organisations around the world focused on [virtual exchange](#). We welcome proposals from experienced virtual exchange practitioners (faculty, staff, and administrators) and students who have participated in virtual exchange. We particularly encourage submissions from PhD students and early-career researchers.

The primary language of the conference is English but submissions are welcome in other languages. All submissions will undergo a double blind peer review process. Authors will be notified in time to register by the early registration deadline.

2021 CONFERENCE TRACKS

Proposals are welcome for paper presentations, workshops, symposia, and posters **on any area of virtual exchange**. Topics may include, but are not limited to the following themes:

- PRACTICE: Case studies and practice reports as well as reports on the use of innovative pedagogy, high impact practice, and technology to enhance virtual exchange.
- STRATEGY & POLICY: Virtual Exchange Strategy and Policy at departmental, school, faculty, institutional and system levels.
- IMPACT THROUGH RESEARCH: Reports on research evaluating the impact and outcomes of Virtual Exchange as well as the field more broadly.
- STUDENT VOICES: Presentations driven by and focused on students involved with Virtual Exchange.
 - *must* highlight the student experience in Virtual Exchange
 - *must* include at least one presenter who is a student

SESSION FORMATS

IVEC 2021 will offer both in-person and online conference options. The in-person conference will take place in New York City from 20-22 October 2021, and the online conference will take place 27-29 October 2021. An individual may be a presenter in a maximum of two in-person and two online sessions.

In-person session formats:

Presentations

Presentations by one or more authors, followed by Q&A. Presentations must provide an in-depth examination of the topic. Presentations will be 30 minutes, including 5 minutes for Q&A, and 5 minutes for room changes. Presentation proposals should include a full description of what will be presented (max. 300 words).

Symposia

Symposia are moderated sessions of experts presenting on a common theme, content, or methodological area, designed to give the audience different perspectives. They will be scheduled for 90 minutes and will include min. 3 presentations. Symposia organisers may also choose to include several shorter oral presentations as long as they keep to 90 minutes in total. Symposia organisers will submit 1) an overview description of max. 500 words pointing out the symposia content and objectives, and 2) individual proposals (max. 300 words) included in the symposia. Symposia organisers will also submit author information for all presenters and symposia organisers, i.e. names, titles, contact info, institutional or organisational affiliation and short bio (max 100 words) for each author.

Workshops

Workshops are action-oriented, hands-on sessions. These sessions could take the form of a demonstration, or a participatory *how-to*-session. Workshops are intended to train participants, and engage participants in practice. Workshops will be 90 minutes. Workshop proposals must

describe the intended content, goals of the session, and hands-on components of the session (max. 500 words).

Posters

Poster presentations aim to offer participants an opportunity to present their work in a visual format and offer good opportunities for interaction and discussion. Proposals must describe the intended content, and why a poster presentation is most suitable or is preferred (max. 300 words). Posters should be designed to be A1 size (594 x 841mm / 23.4 x 33.1 inches) and can be landscape or portrait. Participants will be provided with a poster board. Presenters should ensure that important information should be readable from about one metre away; the title is short and draws interest; the text is clear and to the point; graphics, color and fonts are used effectively; and the layout is consistent and clean.

Online session format:

Presentation and discussion

Online sessions will include a 10-15 minute pre-recorded presentation, available to all online participants. Online presentations should be very focused. We recommend that online sessions include no more than three presenters. Presenters will be given a 15 minute time period to meet with online participants for live discussion.

REVIEW CRITERIA

We encourage proposals that are original, engaging, significant, of high quality, clear and relevant.

- **Original:** the proposal explores a new idea, project, or issue; discusses new research; or presents new ways of considering existing information
- **Engaging:** presentation format will involve the audience in some way, or has high potential to attract conference attendees by addressing the needs of the community
- **Significant:** the proposal raises and discusses issues important to virtual exchange and engagement, and its contents can be broadly disseminated and understood
- **Supported:** claims are backed by sufficient data; claims draw upon relevant literature and/or multiple perspectives; and limitations are described honestly (research papers only)
- **Clear:** the intended outcomes of the session are easily understood
- **Relevant:** the proposal addresses topics of interest in virtual exchange

IMPORTANT DATES

- Proposal submission system opens: January 15, 2021

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 1, 2021
- Notification of acceptance: Week of April 19, 2021
- Registration opens: April 1, 2021
- Registration closes: October 1, 2021
 - Early bird registration: April 1 - July 30, 2021
- Scholarship deadline: 1 July 2021
- Submission of papers for conference proceedings (optional): 29 October 2021

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals should be submitted through the conference webpage: iveconference.org

The following information will be requested during the submission process:

- Names, titles, contact info, institutional or organisational affiliation and short bio (max 100 words) for all presenters and symposia organisers
- Conference track (selected from the list above)
- Session format (selected from the list above)
- Title of the abstract
- Abstract (as specified above for each format)

All presenters are required to register for the conference by 3 July 2020. Please note that presenters must cover all costs associated with participation in IVEC 2021. A very limited number of scholarships may be available, but presenters should assume that they will not receive travel support or registration fee waivers.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Conference proceedings will be published only electronically. To be included in the conference proceedings, presenters must submit a clean, edited copy of their session overview by 29 October 2021. More information and any additional publication opportunities will be announced via the conference website: www.iveconference.org.

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