

LSGSC 2022
A Call for Proposals

Everything is FINE:
The Long, Dark Zoom-call of the Soul



Episode VII
A New Normal

It is a time of conflict and uncertainty in the Learning Sciences. Amidst the ravages of a GLOBAL PANDEMIC which has fractured communities, the citizens of the world must face growing unrest, partisanism, and the looming shadow of STUDENT LOAN DEBT.

From their hidden fortresses, educators and researchers alike have banded together to resist these tides of division. A brave coalition of Graduate Students have gathered to ask:

Within this "New Normal" paradigm, what have we learned and where do we go from here?

The Learning Science Graduate Student Conference is a gathering of emerging voices in the field of Learning Sciences. All grad student work is welcome at LSGSC, but this year, we are particularly interested in work and discussion about the 'The New Normal', how research, grad student life, and the learning sciences has changed or looks now in light of the upheaval and uncertainty of the recent years. In light of this uncertainty, we especially encourage works-in-progress, first-time presenters, and things that do not fit the norms of academia.

The seventh annual LSGSC will be held at Indiana University, Bloomington. Our planned date is October 22 - 23 with a 'kick-off' social event on Friday, October 21st. This event is a great way to meet one another before we begin more formally sharing our work. A full schedule and list of faculty speakers will be announced in August.

We hope you will join us and invite others that may be interested in the conference!

Call for submissions

We invite *500-word abstracts* (not including references) that include shower thoughts, views from the edge of the abyss, vaguely academic musings, poetry, plans for world benevolence, feelings and shapes. Or, if you feel like it, academic work will also be accepted, e.g., works-in-progress, designs, theoretical frameworks, literature reviews, preliminary findings, and final results. Really, anything related to learning sciences topics and research. The key goal of these sessions is to generate discussion and quality interactions among participants at the conference. Due to the increasing numbers of submissions each year, each first author is limited to *one submission*. Further, in an effort to build community around the conference, all first authors will be asked to review at least 2 abstracts. All properly formatted accepted abstracts will be published in the LSGSC 2022 conference proceedings.

This year, the following formats will be accepted as submissions:

Forums - Let's Do A Thing!

Forums are new. They are different. Much like us, Forums don't quite know what they are, but they're giving it their all. Forums are our attempt to break out of the mold of what a conference presentation is. Have you always wanted a community discussion on making learning tech more equitable, or to have a poetry slam with LS folks you only ever see at conferences? We encourage this and value it! With a Forum, you will get 45-minutes to do something LS-related. The facilitators may discuss research, but the intent of a forum will be on community engagement and discussion.

Proposals should include: 1) A description of the forum topic and why it is important to the field or the community, 2) a short literature review or narrative, and 3) names of planned facilitators or if would the LSGSC Committee to find additional facilitators.

Workshops - Activity Time!

Workshops are interactive presentations. They may focus on devices, systems, or techniques such as games, software, or novel research methods. Or they could be centered around an activity or experience.

Proposals should include a description of the focal device or activity along with the expected impact and setup requirements.

Posters - Check Out my Cool Research!

Posters will be the main way to present research in the conventional conference format. We hope posters will facilitate open discussions among participants related to a topic of interest. Posters should be no larger than 46 inches by 46 inches.

Proposals should consist of a conventional research abstract. Methods, data, literature review, all that good jazz.

Submissions

Submissions will be facilitated via EasyChair. EasyChair submissions will open in early June and you can find links to EasyChair on our website: <http://sgsc.org>

Step 1: Submit Anonymized Abstract - DUE JUNE 30th

Anonymized abstracts should not include author names or institution affiliations, be no more than 500 words of text and no more than two pages total (including title, figures, tables, and references), and submitted in both PDF and Word formats. We ask that you use the template below for your submissions:

[TEMPLATE](#)

In addition to your 500 word abstract, you will provide:

- 3-5 relevant keywords
- 1-3 relevant topics from a provided list in EasyChair
- A brief statement related to the status of the work e.g. step in the research / design process or program milestone
- A brief statement related to feedback desired e.g. aligning research methods to questions or writing tips

The brief statements are meant to frame reviewer feedback and enable constructive feedback relevant to the authors' work.

Step 2: Complete Peer Review - DUE AUGUST 13 supportive and constructive feedback to the authors to improve their submissions and shape their proposals to encourage quality discussion and engagement among participants. These reviews also provide an opportunity to contribute to the learning sciences community and become a thoughtful and reflective reviewer. Feedback may include engagement with related work, motivation, engagement with participants, soundness of methods and claims, broader impacts, and presentation of the abstract.

Step 3: Submit Camera Ready Abstracts - DUE SEPTEMBER 25th

Upon acceptance, authors are responsible for revising and submitting abstracts that comply with the formatting requirements in the template, are no more than two pages, and include author names, email addresses, and institutional affiliations. Authors are NOT expected to submit a full paper to participate in this conference. All abstracts that are properly formatted, two pages or less in length, and submitted by the deadline will be included in the LSGSC 2022 Conference Proceedings. Review this [exemplar](#) for an example of a camera-ready abstract from a previous year.



Important Dates

Submissions due: Jun 30th

Reviews due: August 13th

Notifications distributed: August 20th

Camera Ready Abstracts due: September 24th

Registration opens: September 25th

Conference: October 21-23

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