

# Learning & Technology Symposium / #mcmasterLTS

**Call for Proposals**  
**Learning and Technology Symposium 2020**  
**May 14, 2020**  
**Hamilton, ON**

The Paul R. MacPherson Institute for Leadership, Innovation & Excellence in Teaching is pleased to invite you to our annual Learning and Technology Symposium.

**Date:** May 14, 2020

**Location:** McMaster University, Centre for Continuing Education, One James Street North, Hamilton

The symposium aims to create spaces and conversations around the elevation of technology integration in teaching and learning. We invite abstracts that explore a wide range of topics that speak to how technology enhances teaching and learning, including, (but not limited to):

- Implementing established pedagogical techniques with new tools
- Building more inclusive learning environments
- Experimenting with new tools, technologies and approaches, such as augmented/virtual reality, mobile-first delivery, virtual collaboration.
- Broadening learning experiences through open pedagogy, experiential learning and alternative credentials
- Adopting strategies for creating and presenting online and blended curriculum.
- Designing activities to increase student engagement with course content, e.g. case studies, experiential learning, service learning, etc.
- Enhancing social presence in courses: instructor-student; student-student
- Prompting peer-to-peer interactions through discussions and collaborative assignments
- Fostering engagement (personal, intellectual, academic, social, and professional engagement)

Acceptable session formats include:

### **60-minute workshops**

Hands-on, participatory sessions that will allow participants to learn about some aspects of tech-enhanced teaching and learning through application.

### **60-minute panel**

These sessions should bring together the perspectives of 2-4 presenters in a cohesive (or contentious!) conversation surrounding innovative ideas, current topics, and issues regarding technology enhanced teaching and learning.

### **30-minute presentations**

These sessions are an opportunity to share an approach, an idea, explorations or new innovations. Presenters will drive the conversation and are encouraged to share practical applications to the audience.

## **10-minute lightning talks**

Lightning talks consist of presenters having 10-minutes to deliver a succinct, engaging presentation on a variety of topics. The format for each 30-minute round of lightning talks will be two 10-minute sessions, followed by a 10-minute Q & A.

For all session types, building in audience interactivity, beyond the standard Q&A, is encouraged.

We invite everyone from faculty, students, instructors, educational developers, instructional designers, media developers, learning technologists, and more to join the conversation and share their experiences.

**Deadline for proposals is March 22nd, 2020.**

For additional program and proposal details, please visit our website (<https://lts.mcmaster.ca>) or send us an email ([lts@mcmaster.ca](mailto:lts@mcmaster.ca))

The deadline for submissions is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Please email your completed proposal to [lts@mcmaster.ca](mailto:lts@mcmaster.ca)

All proposals must include the following:

1. Submission Title
2. Session Type
3. Presenter names, titles and contact information
4. Brief abstract (no more than 300 words) indicating topic, session objective(s) and any planned interactive methods to engage the audience.
5. Audio-Visual support (e.g., laptop, LCD projector, audio).

All proposals will be peer-reviewed. You will receive feedback on your submission by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Committee is keen to review proposals that:

- Clearly link how technology enhances teaching and learning;
- Outline methods to prompt for a high level of audience interaction;
- Demonstrate relevancy to, or access across, multiple disciplines;
- Include adoptable options to implement at participants' home institutions;
- Tingle the brain with a new format, audience opportunity, etc. (i.e., Surprise us!).

## **Additional Submission Information**

- By submitting a proposal, you agree to register for and to participate in the conference if your submission is accepted.
- By submitting, you are also giving the 2020 Learning & Technology Symposium planning committee permission to publish the submission information, if accepted, in promotional materials related to the event.
- The proposal you submit will be the one included in the final symposium program. No editorial changes will be made.