

# SIGCSE TS 2023 - Birds of a Feather (BOF)

A Birds of a Feather (BoF) provides an environment for researchers and practitioners with similar interests to meet for informal discussions. Proposers of BOF sessions should serve as discussion leaders only. BOFs are not intended to be presentations. Each BoFs, whether hosted in-person or online, are intended to involve active participation for attendees.

BoF proposals should include plans to facilitate active participation for attendees of diverse backgrounds. Proposers may find the following resources useful in identifying inclusive practices to include in the BOF activities:

- [An inclusive meeting checklist from the University of Waterloo](#)
- [An article on facilitating effective discussions from the University of Waterloo](#)

Authors submitting work to SIGCSE TS 2023 are responsible for complying with all applicable [conference authorship policies](#) and those [articulated by ACM](#). If you have questions about any of these policies, please contact [program@sigcse2023.org](mailto:program@sigcse2023.org) for clarification prior to submission.

## Presentation Modality

Authors of accepted BOF submissions will have the option of participating either in-person by physically attending the conference in Toronto, Canada, or online.

All authors of this track must pre-declare their intended presentation modality at the time of submission. Your choice of modality will not be shared with reviewers, and will not impact their assessment of your submission. For timely planning for the conference, your choice of modality CANNOT be changed after the submission deadline.

## Deadlines and Summary Information

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| <b>Due Date</b>                | Friday, October 14, 2022                                                                                                |
| <b>Due Time</b>                | 23:59 AoE (Anywhere on Earth, UTC-12h)                                                                                  |
| <b>Submission Limits</b>       | 2 pages                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Notification to Authors</b> | (tentative) Monday, November 14, 2022                                                                                   |
| <b>Submission Link</b>         | <a href="https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sigcsets2023">https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sigcsets2023</a> |
| <b>Session Duration</b>        | 50 minutes                                                                                                              |

## Track Chairs

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## Formatting and Submission

BOF submissions consist of a 2-page description about the proposed BOF session including a 250-word short abstract, additional content about the work, and references.

BOF submissions to the SIGCSE TS 2023 must be made through [EasyChair](#) no later than Friday, October 14, 2022. The track chairs reserve the right to desk reject submissions that are incomplete after the deadline has passed.

## Abstracts

All BOF submissions must have a plain-text abstract of up to 250 words. Abstracts should not contain subheadings or citations. The abstract should be submitted in EasyChair along with the submission metadata, and it should be included in the PDF version of the submission at the appropriate location.

## Submission Templates

SIGCSE TS 2023 is not participating in the new ACM workflow, template, and production system. All BOF submissions must be in English and formatted using **the 2-column ACM SIG Conference Proceedings format** and US letter size pages (8.5x11 inch or 215.9 x 279.4mm).

**Page Limits:** BOF submissions are limited to a maximum of 2 pages of body content (including all titles, author information, abstract, main text, tables and illustrations, acknowledgements, and supplemental material).

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### LaTeX Authors:

- Overleaf provides a suitable [two-column sig conference proceedings template](#).
- Other LaTeX users may alternatively use the [ACM Primary template](#), adding the "sigconf" format option in the documentclass to obtain the 2-column format.

At the time of submission all entries should include space for author information, an abstract, body content, and references. NOTE: BOF submissions may omit the following sections from the standard

ACM template: keywords, [CCS Concepts](#), and placeholders for the ACM Reference Format and copyright blocks.

Submissions that do not adhere to page limits or formatting requirements will be desk rejected without review.

**Accessibility:** SIGCSE TS 2023 authors are strongly encouraged to prepare submissions using these templates in such a manner that the content is widely accessible to potential reviewers, track chairs, and readers. Please see these [resources for preparing an accessible submission](#).

## Single Anonymized Review

Submissions to the BOF track are reviewed with the single-anonymous review process. Submissions should include author names and affiliations. Thus, the author identities are known to reviewers, but reviewers are anonymous to each other and to the authors.

The reviewing process includes a discussion phase after initial reviews have been posted. During this time, the reviewers can examine all reviews and privately discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the work in an anonymous manner through EasyChair. This discussion information can be used by the track chairs in addition to the content of the review in making final acceptance decisions.

The SIGCSE TS 2023 review process does **not** have a rebuttal period for authors to respond to comments, and all acceptance decisions are final.

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## Post-Acceptance and Presentation Information

### What Gets Published?

The full text of accepted BOF submissions will not appear in the ACM digital library. Only the title, author metadata, and the 250-word abstract will be included in the official conference proceedings.

### Presentation Details

By SIGCSE policy, *at least one* author of an accepted BOF is required to register, attend, and present the work. SIGCSE TS 2023 will allow for authors to hold their BOFs either in-person or online, based on the declared modality choice at the time of submission.

Further details about post-acceptance processes and presentation logistics will be provided by the time acceptance decisions are sent out.

## Resources

[Sample BoF Proposal using 2023 formatting instructions](#)

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