# Special Session Call for Papers for STE 2027

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## *"Doctoral Consortium (DC)"*

as part of the

International Conference on Smart Technologies & Education (STE 2027)

### Background and Overview

The STE 2027 Doctoral Consortium (DC) is a Special Session that provides a unique opportunity for doctoral students to present their research projects and get constructive feedback from senior researchers as well as from other doctoral fellows.

We invite doctoral students to this interdisciplinary and interactive forum to share their doctoral experiences and current research in the topics of the Conference with members of the DC Program Committee and other students from around the world, either remotely or in person.

Proposals for participation in the Doctoral Consortium should be submitted as a full paper (see general Guidelines for authors: https://www.ste-conference.org/current/calls.php) to the Conference submission server (https://www.conftool.com/ste2027/).

They should address the following aspects (preferably organized in separate sections):

- **Personal information of the prospective attendee**: Name, last name, email, name of the Doctoral program and institutional affiliation.
- **Introduction and Motivation**: The main problem you are trying to tackle and why it is relevant.
- **Background:** The state-of-the-art in relation to existing solutions to the problem and/or previous research on the topic.
- **Goals/Objective/s**
- **Method/s**
- **Results**: expected achievements and (if any) advances beyond the state-of-the-art and research plan in terms of your specific contribution.
- **Research Plan and doctoral experience**: Current status of the research plan, obstacles found and ways to solve them (if any).
- **Bibliographical References**

## Topics

Authors are invited to submit complete papers for the DC Special Session (no abstracts needed). The topics cover all aspects of intelligent systems, including but not limited to the following:

- Workforce Development and Skills Training
- Vocational Training and Advanced technologies
- Industrial Engineering and Automation
- Biomedical Engineering
- Education Technology
- Cybersecurity and Data Science
- Agentic AI and Autonomous Decision-Making in Industry
- AI Ethics, Governance, and Responsible Innovation
- Sustainable and Green Technologies
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Policy and Ethics in Technology
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Others

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## Special Sessions General Information

Special Sessions, held in parallel with the general conference, are an integral part of the conference. They provide researchers in focused areas the opportunity to meet and present their work and offer a forum for interaction among the broader community of technology-enhanced learning, and online engineering world-wide. Special sessions papers are required to meet the same standards as papers in the general conference and are published in the same conference proceedings.

Special Session papers must be submitted to STE submission server (ConfTool® Submission Server) to the respective Special Session track. Special Session papers will be reviewed by at least two members of the Special Session's Program Committee, and acceptance decisions will be made by the conference program Co-Chairs and Special Sessions Chair.

## Important Deadlines

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| **13 Nov 2026** | Submission of complete Special Session papers |
| **23 Nov 2026** | Notification of acceptance |
| **21 Dec 2026** | Camera-ready due & Author registration deadline |
| **24 Feb 2027** | STE 2027 opening |

## Review/Proceedings

All submissions will undergo a double-blind review process.

All accepted and presented papers will be published as STE 2027 Proceedings in Springer's Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems. The books of these series are submitted to ISI Proceedings, EI-Compendex, DBLP, SCOPUS, Google Scholar and Springerlink, provided the author pays a “Student Authors” registration fee. Selected award-winning papers will be recommended for publication in international journals.

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