



Virtual Professional Development Institute Frequently Asked Questions

Who should attend the Virtual Summer Institute?

The 2021 Summer Institute will focus on the needs of those who have been working in the field, or in their current positions, for fewer than three years as well as those with more experience. Tracks specifically for new GEM professionals (fewer than three years) and more advanced GEM professionals (greater than three years) will be offered. Additionally, professionals with experience as faculty, or related higher education environments have also found these conferences to be useful and appropriate.

What if I am not a NAGAP member?

You are welcome to join us! The fee for non-members will be \$250 for early registration (by June 7) and \$275 for regular registration (between June 8 and July 12).

What should I do after I register?

Confirmations will be emailed to registrants within one week of receipt of registration. Once your registration is confirmed, details on access and other important information will be emailed soon after.

What technology will I need to participate in the Virtual PDI?

We will be utilizing Zoom for this event, so you will simply need Internet connection, desktop or tablet accessibility to Zoom, including access to your microphone and camera. You can enjoy the sessions from anywhere.

Attendees will be muted in the main sessions by default. Use the questions/chat functions in Zoom to interact with speakers and other attendees. For sessions with interactive components, you will be able to use your microphone to share questions or thoughts.

What if someone else is registering or paying on my behalf?

If that is the case, please ensure the name of the staff member attending is identified as you register.

Are there opportunities to connect with attendees before and after the Institute?

The Institute has a Facebook group for registrants and past attendees to connect leading up to and after the event. We will share the Facebook group with registrants, and the attendee roster afterward with those who participate.

What if I need to cancel my registration?

There is no cancellation option as the sessions will be available after the event as well. Recordings of the sessions will be posted at the end of each day and will remain available for a short time after the live event.

What do I do on the day of the event?

You will receive the session information prior to the day of the event. You will either receive a calendar invitation or an email containing the links to the plenary sessions and breakouts.

How do I obtain assistance if needed on the day of?

Contact NAGAP at info@nagap.org or if you are on Zoom, ask a question through the chat. The session host will be monitoring the chat for general questions. We will also be checking the email box regularly for emails related to the Summer Institute.

Who do I contact for questions before the Institute?

Please reach out to Ariana Balayan, Attendee Liaison and Assistant Dean, Admissions and Recruiting, UMass Medical School Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. She can be reached at 203-671-0280 and Ariana.balayan1@umassmed.edu.

For payment questions, please contact NAGAP, Account Coordinator, Brianna Wilson, at (913) 222-8655 or info@nagap.org.