



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I find updated in-person session information?

Session changes will be communicated in the following ways:

1. Paper copies at the front check-in tables near the grand staircase
2. Emails will be sent to all in-person registrants
3. HRCC digital signs

2. What is NASA Better Together 2022 Convene Connect Collaborate?

The purpose of the meeting will be to establish new connections and reconnect with colleagues across the enterprise and prepare for dedicated time for grantees and stakeholders. It will promote cross-project integration, networking, exchanging of ideas, and strengthen grantee relationships with NASA Missions.

3. Where will NASA Better Together 2022 take place?

The meeting will be hosted NASA Langley Research Center and will have sessions at Langley and at Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. There will be a virtual component for those unable to attend in-person. Those meetings will take place on Microsoft Teams.

4. Who can register?

NASA civil servants and contractors with the OSTEM enterprise, researchers, stakeholders, and grantees will be invited to attend either in-person or virtually.

This event is not open to the public; It is only for OSTEM enterprise civil servants and contractors as well as OSTEM researchers, stakeholders, and grantees.

5. When is NASA Better Together 2022?

a. For OSTEM enterprise civil servants and contractors:

Monday, August 29 – Tours of Langley Research Center (LaRC)

Tuesday, August 30 – OSTEM Enterprise meetings at LaRC

Wednesday, August 31 & Thursday, September 1 – OSTEM and Stakeholder/Grantee Sessions at Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton Virginia.

b. For researchers, stakeholders, and grantees:

- Tuesday, August 30 – Tours of Langley Research Center (LaRC)

- **Wednesday**, August 31 & **Thursday**, September 1 – OSTEM and Stakeholder/Grantee Sessions at Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton Virginia.

6. What will I do at the NASA Better Together 2022 Convene Connect Collaborate?

Attendees will participate in a variety of topical sessions in large groups and in break-out-style sessions to encourage connections and networking. Sessions include speakers from NASA and OSTEM leadership, NASA mission directorates, OSTEM Principal Investigators and researchers, and hands-on demonstrations of grade-appropriate activities.

7. How can I participate?

- In-Person:** Invitations have been sent to identified personnel with the option to attend the meeting in Hampton, Virginia at Langley Research Center and/or Hampton Roads Convention Center.
- Virtually:** Invitations will be sent to personnel identified to attend that format of the meeting, and for those who choose to attend online, participate wherever you are! No need to travel anywhere for the NASA STEM Better Together 2022 Convene Connect Collaborate.
- However you attend:** Make sure you've completed your online registration, so you are able to access all the content.

8. Can I invite my colleagues and other teams to attend the event?

- No. Invitations will be sent to those identified to attend. This event is not open to the public, or to a wider audience beyond those invited.

9. Do I need to download any software to participate virtually?

- No. You do not need to install or download any software to participate. You only need a secure internet connection. The virtual sessions will be hosted on Microsoft Teams.

10. How do I login the day of the event?

- Your login details will be emailed to you ahead of the event. You can use these details to access all the content.

11. What is the preferred browser?

- You can use Google Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Edge

12. Is there anything I should do to prepare to participate?

- a. Yes, please familiarize yourself with the [NASA Strategy for STEM Engagement](#). It's a quick read and serves as the roadmap for the Agency's work devoted to STEM engagement, with defined objectives and strategies to drive requirements and alignment of all STEM engagement efforts, including programs, projects, activities and products. Throughout the conference, you'll gain a better understanding of how the work you do to engage students in STEM contributes to the overall agency effort.

13. Who can I contact if I have questions about the event?

- a. Please reach out to HQ-STEM-Engagement@mail.nasa.gov for planning and meeting questions. Someone from the planning team will respond.

14. There is a limit of 2 people for the in-person conference, can we have a mix of virtual and in person attendance?

We would encourage each consortium to have two people there. We would recommend one or two additional virtual attendees.

15. Who are the expected attendees for Better Together -- directors/program coordinators or researchers?

Yes. There will be representatives (grantees, stakeholders, and researchers) from all areas of OSTEM-funded projects (MUREP, SG, EPSCoR, and NextGen STEM).

- Wednesday, August 31 and Thursday, September 1 sessions are designed for grant Principal Investigators, directors, and coordinators.
- OSTEM-funded researcher community (MUREP and EPSCoR), are offered a concurrent research-focused technical interchange-style experience throughout the day only on Thursday, September 1.