

STEAMz: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does STEAM mean?

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. These are the fields that today's students pursue and find passion in. This year's theme calls for students to investigate ways the sciences, arts, and humanities build on one another.

2. What does the "z" stand for?

The "z" in this year's conference's theme refers to GenerationZ or GenZ for short. GenZ is the demographic (born 1997-2010) that succeeds Millennials. Also known as the iGeneration, Gen Zers have grown up with digital technology and are comfortable with technological advances. We've chosen this focus because the current traditional college-age student (18-22) is a part of the Z Generation. The eldest of this group are currently entertaining the workforce. We want this year's conference to be applicable to this current generation and to the current times. This in no means implies that students outside of this age range shouldn't participate.

3. How much is the conference?

The conference is free for all who wish to attend.

4. I graduated already. Can I attend the conference?

Yes, alumni are more than welcome to attend the conference. [Registration](#) closes Monday, March 16th, 2020, or when seat capacity is reached.

5. I am a community member and do not attend Schoolcraft. Can I attend?

Yes, community members are welcomed to attend the conference at no cost. [Registration](#) closes Monday, March 16th, 2020, or when seat capacity is reached.

6. Who can submit a proposal?

All currently enrolled Schoolcraft students and Schoolcraft alumni are invited to submit a proposal. Pairs, groups of 3-4, and Schoolcraft organizations can also submit proposals. Interested students, groups, and alumni can pair with faculty/staff as well. Proposal Deadline is February 7, at 12:00pm. [Submit Proposal Now](#)

7. I'd like to present at the conference but don't know where to begin. Who can I contact for help?

Contact the Academic Success Coach for Writing and STEAMz Conference Coordinator: Kayla McKinney at kmckinne@schoolcraft.edu.

8. I have a topic I'd like to present, but I'm not sure if it fits the theme. What should I do?

Contact our Academic Success Coach for Writing and STEAMz Conference Coordinator: Kayla McKinney at kmckinne@schoolcraft.edu. Kayla can provide direction and guidance to ensure that your presentation topic aligns with the STEAMz theme: Bridging the Arts, Humanities, and Sciences. She offers support in brainstorming, outlining, and presentation tips. Additional information can be found on the STEAMz website under "Resources".

9. I have artwork and would like to participate in the conference. Can I submit my artwork instead of a poster presentation?

We are currently accepting student-created artwork for the poster presentation component. Artwork must be created by the student submitting the proposal. For the proposal submission, the abstract should describe the artwork and any themes/techniques used to create it. Artwork must also be no larger than 48 in. x 36 in. in size. Artists will be evaluated by poster judges on various categories, and may choose to have their art displayed in the Bradner Library, Learning Center.