

7th Annual Forum on Microbiology Undergraduate Education (FOME)

Call for Abstracts & Review Process

Both, in-person and virtual proposals are welcome!

In a MicroFOME session, you can share a teaching strategy you've used in a microbiology (or biology) class, laboratory, or field activity that you feel greatly enhanced your teaching or didn't quite work the way you wanted (and you want to tell your cautionary tale). Alternatively, you could share resources that helped to enhance your teaching, curriculum development, or assessments. Proposals discussing novel educational research are also encouraged. You could also facilitate a discussion on an issue relating to (or affecting) undergraduate microbiology education. **Proposals should be submitted using the CSM 2023 Conference Abstract submission portal. Ideally presentations will be connected in some way to the current FOME theme (Microbiology for All).**

Review Process

The CSM FOME committee will review submitted proposals after the submission deadline. Proposals will be reviewed for relevance (to undergraduate microbiology education), clarity and potential applicability in different institutions/settings.

Proposal Format (in-person or virtual presenters welcome):

Proposals should be submitted as a .pdf file to the CSM 2023 Conference Abstract submission portal and include:

- 1. Title** (maximum 25 words) - Provide a title that describes your topic.
- 2. Presenter(s) information** - Names, positions, institutional affiliations, and contact information (feel free to include your Twitter handles) for the presenter(s). The person who submits the proposal will be the key contact.
- 3. Abstract (maximum 250 words)** - Provide a brief description of what will be discussed in your session. This abstract will appear in the conference program. Please indicate at the end of your abstract whether you are submitting a poster or oral presentation. For poster submissions, information for sections 4, 5, and 6 below are not necessary.
- 4. Elements of engagement/relevance** - How will you engage the audience during this session (discussion, tech-demonstration, activities)? Can you use activities or methods in your session that can be extended to the classroom? (As in evidence-based educational practice, we're encouraging participants to go beyond a traditional presentation structured as a single presenter speaking to an audience "sage-on-stage" approach, though we recognize that there are limited elements that can be used in the short session format.)
- 5. Audiovisual requirements.** There will be a screen and projector for computer display. If additional AV equipment or materials are needed, please list them.
- 6. Other requirements.** If there are any other materials needed, please indicate what they are. **The abstract submission deadline is April 18, 2023.**

We are also looking for new members to join our committee. Please contact us (csmfome@gmail.com) with questions and/or expressions of interest.

We look forward to seeing you in Halifax!

CSM Committee on Microbiology Undergraduate Education (2022-2023)