

Call for Papers

Please send this call and invitation to everyone who could be interested in attending the conference and/or sending in a proposal!

YOU ARE INVITED: 2nd Gender & STEM Network Conference

**Gender and STEM: What schools, families, and workplaces can do?
3–5 July 2014, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany**

The first conference in 2012 focused on individual gendered pathways towards (and away from) STEM fields. In 2014, we highlight the roles of schools, families and workplaces for supporting or constraining girls/women and boys/men to choose and persist in STEM, versus other pathways.

This conference aims to present empirical research and educational policies, concerning how individual and social aspects impact individuals' motivation, attitudes, performance, educational and career choices and pathways into STEM fields. Complementary perspectives will address how such pathways can be facilitated at various points along students' and young adults' educational and occupational development.

The planned conference is an initiative of the Gender & STEM Network: www.genderandstem.com
Members of the network share the following **objectives**:

- to gain more insight into the various connected aspects of career choices and professional careers of girls/women (and boys/men) in the direction of STEM;
- to detect new approaches to actually improve the underrepresentation of girls/women in STEM.

An important aim of this conference is to further extend the interdisciplinary collaboration of educational and psychological researchers, to move beyond results which highlight single aspects. Implications for educational and vocational training and practice will be discussed.

CONFERENCE

The **deadline** for submission of proposals, consisting of an abstract (400 words or less) and short bio statement of up to 100 words, is **January 30, 2014**. Information about acceptance will be sent out by **February 20, 2014**. Registration will commence following proposal acceptances. The deadline for early registration is **March 1, 2014**. Proposal submissions are now open, for the conference presentation formats below.

Conference Formats:

- *Symposia*: themed set of linked individual 4-5 papers.
- *Individual Paper Presentation*: to disseminate completed studies and ensuing implications.
- *Posters*: to provide the opportunity to interactively discuss research findings. A poster prize will be awarded to the three best posters by students / early career researchers (PhD within last 5 years), selected by a committee of international researchers.
- *Roundtables*: to facilitate the in-depth discussion of research projects in development.
- *Workshops*: to provide workshops on applied aspects of STEM education and induction.
- *"Make a Pitch"*: a new format to allow researchers to search out inter/national collaborations by presenting a proposal pitch.

Please nominate which of the presentation formats you prefer, at the start of your proposal. For more specific instructions on how to submit your proposal please visit: <http://www.genderandstem.com/conference-2014.html>

Email proposals as a single Word document attachment, to the secretariat of the Gender & STEM Network: conference@genderandstem.com

If you have any further questions about the conference, please don't hesitate to contact us on the email above.

We hope to welcome you in Berlin in the summer of 2014! The timing is deliberately chosen to precede ICAP 2014 in Paris, 8-13 July (open symposium proposals due 15 Nov., see: <http://www.icap2014.com/call-for-open-symposia/open-symposia-submission/97>).

Best regards, on behalf of your Gender & STEM conference organization team:

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