COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
2021 COACHING CONFERENCE





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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In response to your most frequently asked questions about the upcoming Columbia Coaching Conference, we've developed this document to help you know what this year's Conference experience will look like.

Due to the nature of the uncertain external environment at this time, we can't provide detailed answers to all questions, and the answers to some may change over time. We are committed to keeping you informed, so watch out for our regular communications and we will update the FAQ on the website as we approach the Conference. Please email us at information@columbiacoachingconference.org with any questions we haven't addressed.

Here are answers to your most frequently asked questions:

Conference Format, Sessions, Presenter and Venue Related Questions

What is the planned format for the conference?

• The conference will be a fully virtual conference – for both delegates and presenters. This change came into effect on June 18, 2021.

Where is the conference being held?

• We will host the event Virtually this year.

With Experiential Learning Sessions or Coaching Demonstrations, how many people will be in the room?

• For planning purposes, assume that you will have around 30 people in the breakout rooms.

Will I be able to choose which concurrent session I attend?

 With virtual breakout capacities strictly monitored, you will need to register for the session of your choice. We will share more about the virtual platform and how you can register as we have more information.

What social events are you planning and how will these be managed?

• We will provide more information about this as we confirm details, we will be looking at ways to leverage the virtual social/networking virtual events as part of the conference.

Other than fewer delegates and physical distancing, what else will be different with this conference?

• The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the conference leadership team with its fair share of challenges, but it has also given us a chance to innovate and rethink some aspects of the conference. Although we first decided to host the event in person earlier in the year, Columbia University made a decision in June to move away from large-scale events on campus in the second half of 2021. Because of that, we quickly pivoted to a fully virtual event. We had already moved into finding new ways to innovate our content regardless of Conference format.







One way is by engaging directly with the audience in the newly announced Provocative Conversations topic. We are also looking at new ways of curating the experience for delegates virtually. This may include networking events, how to facilitate conversations in small groups, interacting directly with some of the presenters and so on. We hope that you will leave the conference energized and feeling that you have engaged in conversation that will have a direct impact on the future of coaching.

If I am accepted to be a presenter, will I get the chance to have my presentation published?

• Yes! As with the 2018 conference, we will be partnering with a journal to offer those whose submissions are accepted for the conference to be able to submit their paper, presentation etc. for review to that journal. We hope to announce the name of the journal in the next month.

Conference Pricing and Registration Related Questions

When does registration open?

• <u>Virtual registration</u> is now open, and we've updated our pricing to pass on the cost efficiencies that the virtual format will enable. Register today to experience, learning, growth, and networking opportunities within the community of delegates.

You'll see we've shifted the early bird pricing from a capacity of total registrant limit of 200 to a deadline of Friday, September 3rd, 2021.

Here's our 2021 updated virtual conference pricing:

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	RATE
Full delegate	\$495 USD
Early bird - Deadline extended to <u>Friday</u> , <u>September 3rd</u>	\$395 USD
Student rate - must present an appropriate ID	\$195 USD
Speaker rate – for any presenter who has an accepted submission	\$250 USD

Do I get a discount if I submitted a proposal that wasn't accepted?

• Yes, submitters whose proposal was not accepted will have access to a discounted rate of \$395 USD. You will need proof of submission, which we will provide when decisions are released.

What if I register for the conference and for some reason I can't attend the virtual conference?

• Prior to September 30th, if you wish to cancel your ticket, you will be required to pay a \$100 administration charge (\$50 for students). After September 30th, if you wish to cancel your ticket, you will forfeit the full cost of your ticket.

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When is the next conference after October 2021?

• The next conference will be held on October 18-20, 2023.

If you have any additional questions that you want answered, email us at info@columbiacoachingconference.org.