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Virtual Conference Prep

Congratulations! You’re registered for StatFest 2022 and eagerly await the virtual conference this weekend. As you await the opening sessions, there are a few things you can do to take full advantage of StatFest’s amazing panels and networking sessions.

To maximize the conference’s benefits, block your schedule during conference hours. Kindly let your friends and family know that you will be busy for a few hours on September 17th. Additionally, try to avoid trying to complete assignments that could be attempts to work on during a conference session. The best way to maximize the benefits of this conference is to limit as many distractions as possible! A little planning can make all the difference.

Schedule cleared...check! You are well on the way to making the most of StatFest! The next step on your virtual conference check list is to review the agenda. For scheduled panels, brainstorm what you would like to learn. This is often a good place to start when crafting questions. Review the list of EXPO vendors and prioritize who you would like to chat with. If you are looking for an internship or more information on graduate school, you can use this as an opportunity to connect.

If you’ve done these things, you are in great shape for StatFest. To round out your conference prep, we recommend you log in to GatherTown at your earliest convenience. There are a few quick guides to help you get acclimated here. Navigate the area to familiarize yourself with the room layout and functionality of GatherTown tools. Be sure that your camera and microphone are in good working order. Check! Check! Check! You are now prepared to tackle StatFest 2022!!!

Happy Conferencing!

StatFest Expo Exhibitors

Be sure to tailor your elevator speech to some of the exhibitors you plan on visiting at StatFest! A list of expo organizations and opportunities is posted on the StatFest website [link]. Advice on elevator speeches and other conference tips can be found in previous newsletters here.

Conference Checklist

☐ Clear your calendar
☐ Prioritize EXPO vendors
☐ Review the conference agenda
☐ Practice elevator speeches
☐ Craft questions for panelists
☐ Technology and software check

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