

Special Session Call for Papers for ICL 2026

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“Special Session: STEM Disciplines across non-STEM Curricula (NonSTEM)”

as part of the 29th International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Learning &
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NonSTEM Background and Overview

Traditionally STEM disciplines, e.g., Mathematics, Statistical Analysis, or Programming, are integral components of non-STEM programs, e.g., Business and Linguistics. The proposed session aims to offer a space for the discussion of the specifics of the content of STEM courses taught in non-STEM degrees as well as related pedagogical approaches, their adaptation to a variety of needs of the diverse student body; the characteristics and needs of faculty who are often hired from STEM departments to teach in non-STEM majors. The session invites contributions that address course design, interdisciplinary integration, faculty training, and institutional practices that support inclusive and effective teaching of STEM content beyond traditional STEM programs.

NonSTEM Topics

- STEM subject in non-STEM majors

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General Information and Proceedings

Special sessions, held in parallel with the general conference, are an integral part of the conference. They provide researchers in focused areas the opportunity to meet and present their work and offer a forum for interaction among the broader community of technology-enhanced learning, and online engineering worldwide.

Special sessions papers are required to meet the same standards as papers in the general conference and are published in the same conference proceedings. Special Session papers must be submitted to STE submission server (ConfTool® Submission Server) to the respective Special Session track. Special Session papers will be reviewed by at least two members of the Special Session's Program Committee, and acceptance decisions will be made by the conference program Co-Chairs and Special Sessions Chairs. All accepted and presented papers will be published as ICL2026 Proceedings in the Springer series "Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems", which is indexed among others in Scopus and Compendex.

Important Deadlines

Submissions for the ICL2026 Special Sessions may be submitted by the following deadlines:

15 May 2026	Submission of complete Special Session Papers (no abstract stage)
15 June 2026	Notification of acceptance
15 July 2026	Camera-ready due & Author registration deadline
30 Sept 2026	ICL2026 Conference Opening