WHAT IS OSSA?

The Ontario Science Students’ Association (OSSA) is a leadership conference that brings together more than 50 student leaders who represent more than 20,000 science students across Ontario and we are adding new schools every year.

Carleton University  
McMaster University  
Ottawa University  
Ryerson University  

UOIT  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
University of Windsor

OSSA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This conference allows for a supportive Ontario-wide network of students to bring the best academic and professional opportunities back home to their respective universities. The delegates are student leaders who are in charge of their own student societies back at their respective schools. The leaders attending this conference are dedicated, experienced and run many events through the year.
WHY ATTEND?

Students look forward to this conference every year and are very excited to come and learn from the speakers that we will bring in. Last year, this is the feedback that our team got on the OSSA Leadership Conference:

“Collaboration breeds innovation, and having attended the OSSA Leadership Conference this past year, it’s easy to see that all of the delegates left with the drive and ideas to improve the experience in their respective science faculties.”

“The OSSA Leadership Conference was an excellent professional opportunity for me to learn as a Science Society executive, and I can’t wait to implement everything I learned!”

This year we will be building on last year’s success but will be taking everyone’s feedback seriously to improve the conference experience for everyone.

ADAPTING TO COVID-19

The conference will be held entirely online, but we don’t want to sacrifice any parts of the conference that everyone loves so much. We also plan to run sessions specific to COVID-19 and the issues it presents us with.

We have created a new position of Technology Coordinator to find the best tech to help us run the conference as well as to ensure everyone attending from their homes has an expert to help them if they experience technical issues.

Our social coordinator’s primary role is to develop ways to ensure everyone can still connect and network with each other - as you expect from the OSSA Leadership Conference.
WHO CAN ATTEND?

All science students at an OSSA member school (listed on page 2) are encouraged to attend. The conference will have beneficial sessions for people who hold “high level” leadership positions such as President or Vice-President as always, and we will also have programming for leaders of all levels within science student groups. There is no limit to how many people can attend the conference.

Equity & Inclusion

We encourage each school to do everything they can to ensure your delegation is selected in a fair and inclusive manner. We all benefit when everyone’s experiences are valued and included.

COST TO ATTEND

The cost to attend the conference is currently projected to be $10 per person.

This is subject to change based on the final budget that we determine is necessary to run an online conference.

The fee will mostly go towards the technology to run the conference such as video conferencing software, online polls and other interactive tech and more. The remainder of the fee will go towards speaker fees, prizes and other miscellaneous fees.
HOW TO REGISTER

This checklist is for the OSSA Director (typically VP External) for each school.

1. Using the provided graphics, announce conference registration to your Executives, Board of Directors and other science student leaders at your school. This can be done directly or via social media.

2. Have all interested individuals fill out the Google Form linked in this email with their name and email. This form is due by **JUNE 4th at 11:59PM**. People who want to sign up after this date must email ontarioossa.conference@gmail.com.

3. All individuals who indicated interest will be emailed an Eventbrite link in the first week of June where they will pay their registration fee. This will be due by **June 21st at 11:59PM**.

4. All individuals who successfully pay the registration fee by the deadline will be invited to the Conference Slack team and will recieve the delegate package with instructions for attending all conference events.

We’ll see you on July 11th and 12th!

If you have any questions throughout this process, please email us at ontarioossa.conference@gmail.com. We are open to discussing anything that can make it easier for you to attend or to make the conference more beneficial for you!
We look forward to meeting everyone at the conference.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or questions about the OSSA or the conference:

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