Bring the world to your career
AECT 2022
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

THEME: IMPACTING STUDENT LEARNING

October 24-28
Las Vegas & Virtual
We are delighted to welcome you to AECT! We’ve been elected by AECT members to be leaders of the organization and we are honored to guide the organization in these turbulent times of the pandemic. There are many reasons why we’ve committed our professional lives to AECT; here are a few:

**Diverse professionals who lead.** AECT is a community of diverse professionals who are committed to finding the best uses of technology to create rich learning environments in a variety of settings. Our members are passionate and dedicated. Many volunteer to assist with AECT’s mission, including serving on the board, reviewing papers, helping plan and execute the annual international convention, and joining a variety of committees. You can hone your leadership skills as an AECT member.

**Annual International Convention.** The annual International Convention brings together our members from around the world. They participate in member-led workshops and present peer-reviewed papers. The 2022 Convention will be in Las Vegas but we will also have a virtual component. The hybrid approach will provide flexibility to our members around the world. Whether in-person or virtual, the energy of the convention is always amazing.

**Publishing partnerships.** AECT has partnerships with Springer and Routledge/Taylor & Francis that provide opportunities for our members to publish their work. AECT’s *Educational Technology Research and Development (ETR&D)* and *TechTrends* are leading journals in the field. Members have access to these and more in our online reference library.

**Resources.** AECT hosts online events and webinars around topics of interest to our members. We also have the largest video library in the industry, which is available to our members.

AECT has a small staff at its headquarters in Bloomington, Indiana, but we are primarily led by our members. We encourage you to explore the many benefits of membership in the pages that follow and see for yourself why so many of us have committed to this organization as a cornerstone of our professional and career development efforts.

Sincerely,

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International Division
At AECT, our members are in charge. Members elect AECT’s officers, including the president. Members lead the divisions. Members write the papers that are presented at the annual convention, and members review those papers for inclusion in the convention. Members lead a variety of other events, including online webinars.

The small AECT staff in Bloomington, IN is dedicated to serving members around the world.

Members drive AECT.

“The camaraderie is what makes AECT special. You make quick friends here. There are so many people here who are influential, but they are very humble. The humility they have is that they realize they are among people who want to learn. That’s the key here, people learning from one another.”

Robert Doyle, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) is an international organization that values diversity of thought, culture, and people whose activities are directed toward improving learning.

AECT members may be found in colleges and universities; in the Armed Forces and industry; in museums, libraries, and hospitals; in K-12 education and any other places where learning takes place. AECT members include instructional designers, researchers, professors and teachers, educational technologists, and other professionals united by a passion for improving teaching and learning.

Our members serve in many different settings including education, business and industry, non-profits, military, health care, and other environments.

"AECT is a really vibrant and wonderful community of researchers and practitioners and it gives me a robust home to come to. I can’t imagine my professional life without AECT in it."

Samantha J. Blevins
Senior Instructional Designer & Learning Architect, Radford University
AECT Divisions—dig in!

What drives you? Where do you focus your professional energies? How do you hone your expertise in your specialty area?

AECT divisions give you a chance to dig in to your areas of passion with like-minded professionals from around the world. Join a division. Lead a division. Represent a division on the board.

AECT Divisions

Design and Development
Distance Learning
Culture, Learning, and Technology
Emerging Learning Technologies
Graduate Student Assembly
International
Learner Engagement
Organizational Training & Performance
Research & Theory
Technology-Integrated Learning
Systems Thinking & Change
Teacher Education

Special Interest Groups

Education in Health Professions
T3 Innovation Network

“When I got my degree in instructional technology, AECT welcomed me and became my professional home. It’s becoming a family. I’ve been a member more than ten years now. I would encourage all of you to join AECT.”

Briju Thankachan
Visiting Scientist, Interdisciplinary Programme in Educational Technology, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
Many AECT members are tenure-track faculty at universities around the world. It’s been said that to succeed, it’s publish or perish. AECT takes a longer view of publishing as a key outcome of research that leads to breakthroughs in the field.

AECT’s relationships with publishers Springer and Routledge/Taylor & Francis provide our members with an inside track on publishing in high-impact journals, including *Educational Technology Research & Development* (ETR&D), *TechTrends*, *Journal of Formative Design in Learning*, *International Journal of Designs for Learning*, *Journal of Applied Instructional Design*, and more. AECT has recently added the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Problem-Based Learning* to its opportunities for members to publish.

Want to publish? AECT gives you an inside track.
“This is my first time here and I’m learning a lot about instructional design. I lean toward practitioner, but I’m learning a lot about research and how it can help me best serve my students and my district.”

Margaret Adjoga-Otu
Newark Board of Education

AECT provides its members many opportunities to present their work. The annual international convention has more than 800 peer-reviewed papers that are presented from members from around the world.

The annual summer research symposium is another opportunity for members to present their work in a setting of their peers.

Many AECT divisions host webinars that provide even more opportunities for members to present their work.

Have something to say about your research? AECT provides many forums for you to shine.
World-Class Resources

Looking for professional development opportunities?

AECT members have access to many resources both in-person and online. We have the largest print and video libraries in the industry. Webinars and presidential and special sessions are available at the click of a button.

“I connect to people here. I wouldn’t be a quality researcher without the people I’m working with. I connect to leaders and the organization, and I learn from them. I also learn what’s happening in countries around the world, and I maintain friendships in many countries through AECT.”

Curt Bonk
Professor of Instructional Systems Technology, School of Education, Indiana University
The annual AECT International Convention brings together participants from around the world, offering practical applications, cutting-edge research, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations of new technologies in teaching and learning. Our theme this year is **Impacting Student Learning**.

The 2022 convention will take place October 24-28 in Las Vegas with a virtual option.

AECT also hosts an annual summer research symposium and many additional international events each year. Check [aect.org](http://aect.org) for details and professional development opportunities.

“AECT is my home. I’ve found friends here. I’ve found family here. I’ve found a lot of partners here. It meant a lot to me in my career.”

**Hengtao Tang**  
Assistant Professor of Educational Technology, College of Education, University of South Carolina
International and State Affiliates

International Affiliates

AECT of Thailand (AOT)
Association for Digital Education & Communications Technology (ADECT)
Canadian Network for Innovation in Education (CNIE)
China Association For Educational Technology (CAET)
e/merge Africa
eLearning MENA
eLearning Africa
The Hong Kong Association for Educational Communications and Technology (HKAECT)
Indonesian Professional Association of Educational Technology (IPTPI)
Information, Media, and Engineering Research Institute (IMERI)
International Council for Educational Media (ICEM)
Korean Society for Educational Technology (KSET)
Japan Society for Educational Technology (JSET)
Malaysia Educational Technology Association (META)
Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology (SICET)
The Association of Science, Education & Technology (TASET - Turkey)

State Affiliates

International Visual Literacy Association (IVLA)
New England School Library Association
New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL)
The Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology (PAECT)
As a member of AECT you can take advantage of professional liability products that are only available to members of sponsoring associations.

Multiple plans to protect virtually any educator:

- W-2 employed educators, independent contractors, private practitioners, and student teachers.

- Educators in pre-school through post-secondary settings, plus those active in adult/continuing/alternative education programs.

- Educators in public and private institutions.

- Instruction or services provided online or in-person.

- Discounted rates available for students.

Plans offered through the Trust for Insuring Educators (TIE) and administered by Forrest T. Jones & Company, a leader in insurance protection for educators with more than 60 years experience.

“Many years ago, I learned about AECT as a grad student. It was reinforced to me that if you want to do anything in this field, you need to be connected to AECT because that’s where the research is happening, and that’s where the professional development is happening. I’ve found that to be true. This has turned out to be a great place to grow as a professional.”

Trey Martindale
Professor and Chief Online Learning Officer, Middle Tennessee State University
AECT History

AECT’s roots trace to 1922, when people began to think about developing learning strategies in a systematic way. These efforts were greatly accelerated during and after World War II as new technologies made efficient teaching and learning paramount. These approaches were eventually codified as a new field, instructional design.

As technology evolved, notably with the development of computing power since the 1970s, academics and practitioners have sought ways to use these new technologies to enhance teaching and learning. The advent of the internet in the 1990s made the delivery of online courses possible, which democratized learning for the masses.

AECT has been there through every stage of this incredible evolution of technology and learning. For nearly a century, AECT has been the preeminent organization for professionals dedicated to harnessing technology for better learning. AECT continues to be at the forefront of this evolving field, and we look forward to what the next 100 years will bring.
Join AECT Today!

AECT membership has many benefits that will advance your career, including access to our award-winning journals and member rates for our convention. Most importantly, you’ll become part of the AECT community, which is dedicated to teaching and learning. Join today!

Publishing

AECT partners with leading publishers on a variety of journals in which members can publish. The AECT/Springer Books and Briefs Series and Routledge Key Issues in Learning Design and Technology are great publishing opportunities for members.

Presenting

AECT provides multiple venues for members to present their research, including our annual convention.

Networking

Members join a community of like-minded educators. We all teach, learn, and grow together.

Career and Professional Development

AECT members have access to many professional development opportunities, including in-person and online.
Upcoming AECT International Conventions:

2022 – Las Vegas, Nevada
2023 – Orlando, Florida
2024 – Kansas City, Missouri
2025 – Las Vegas, Nevada
2026 – Chicago, Illinois
2027 – Chicago, Illinois