Discover the future of teaching and learning with technology
2023 International Convention
October 15-19
DoubleTree Universal Orlando, Florida
Welcome!

We are delighted to introduce you to AECT, our professional home! We’ve each taken a long path with AECT from new members to elected leaders. Our AECT journey has been instrumental in the development of our careers in educational leadership and development. We’ve accepted this leadership role because we believe so strongly in AECT’s mission.

AECT has been a global leader in the field of teaching and learning with technology for more than 100 years. It continues to be a vibrant, diverse organization dedicated to research and practice related to learning with technology at all levels.

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.

We personally invite you to join us in Orlando in October for the 2023 International Convention that brings together our members from around the world. Our theme this year is AECT 100: Reflections and Transformations. The energy at the convention is always amazing.

We encourage you to explore the many benefits of joining our AECT family that are described in this brochure. As one of our members suggests: join in, dive in, power on!

Sincerely,

David, Joi, and Ali
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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
“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

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, healthcare, and other environments.
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 and Performance
- Research and Theory
- Technology Integrated Learning
- Systems Thinking and Change
- Teacher Education

“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**
- **Interdisciplinary Journal of Problem-Based Learning**

Want to publish? AECT gives you an inside track.
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.

“I’m working on mobile learning for out-of-school students in Nigeria. The audience was very encouraging when I presented my work. I’ve been learning a lot at the convention about online teaching and learning and about instructional design from leaders in the field. I’ve also connected with grad students from all over and it encourages you that you’re not alone in your journey.”

Olaican Kushimo
Ph.D. student in Learning Design and Technology, Oklahoma State University
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 AECT 100: Reflections and Transformations.

The 2023 convention will take place October 15-19 in Orlando, Florida with virtual options.

AECT also hosts an annual summer research symposium and many additional international events each year. Check aect.org for details and professional development opportunities.

“AECT has been the academic home for me. AECT has helped me connect with leaders in the field and I’ve continued to grow as a scholar and researcher. I’ve moved from grad student to tenured professor and now department chair. I advise others to: join in, dive in, power on.”

Xiaojun (June) Chen
Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction, St. John’s University
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)

Special Interest Groups

Education in Health Professions
T3 Innovation Network
Join the AECT Family

Members often describe AECT as their academic home. As a member of AECT you are a part of a vibrant community of passionate professionals who value research and learning. You will be among colleagues who are eager to help you learn and grow in your career.

AECT members connect at our annual convention both in-person and virtually and throughout the year through webinars and collaborative projects. Our online community on the Higher Logic platform facilitates engagement for collaboration and growth.

Make peer-to-peer connections, participate in discussions and events, share resources, and find your professional family through membership in AECT.

“My first convention was in 1999 as a first-year doctoral student. Over the years, AECT has helped develop me as a leader. I’ve been involved in leadership positions at my university which I probably wouldn’t have even tried for if I didn’t have the leadership opportunities at AECT. I’ve had an option to become involved in other organizations, but AECT is my home. I can’t imagine any other place as my professional home.”

Chris Miller
Professor of Education, Moorhead State University, AECT Board Member
Celebrating 100 Years

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 a full 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.

aect.org
Upcoming AECT International Conventions:

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