

CALL FOR PAPERS

North American University's 4th Annual International Conference (AIC) May 10-12, 2024

North American University (NAU) is happy to announce its 4th Annual International Conference (AIC) with the theme of *Sustainability and Responsibility of Higher Education* on May 10-12, 2024 at Stafford Center (10505 Cash Rd, Stafford, TX 77477, USA) and NAU (11929 W Airport Blvd, Stafford, Texas 77477, USA). This educational conference intends to bring together leading academicians from multiple disciplines across the globe, mainly from higher education institutions. United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #4 includes access to higher education in its 3rd target which emphasizes that higher education must be globally accessible to all and of high quality. This and several other considerations have led many higher education institutions to start meaningfully promoting sustainable development, aligning their activities around it, and addressing critical issues that affect our societies and the world. Organizing this conference reflects NAU's commitment to the UN's SDG, specifically Goal #4 - Education and Goal #17 – Partnerships.

This three-day conference is set to offer an enriching array of presentations, scholarly discussions, and invaluable networking opportunities including faculty mobility, international student exchanges, dual diploma programs, faculty collaborative research, university presidents' roundtables, and more. These activities will provide various occasions for the participants to not only gain insights into the complexities posed by the ongoing internationalization of higher education but also to broaden their academic horizons and offer a unique forum for the exchange of viewpoints and learning from cross-border experiences. The ultimate goal is to cultivate an understanding that can enhance academic programs, elevate research endeavors, and promote scholarly collaboration internationally.

Participants are invited to contribute their original papers for presentation during this conference related to higher education in the fields of Business Administration, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, and Education. The papers could be based on original research, surveys, case studies, or action plans that are not presented or published elsewhere. It should be submitted in MS Word format in a maximum of 3000 words (Works Cited and Notes included in the word count). The official language of this Conference is English; hence, all the abstracts, papers, and presentations will be in English.

Abstracts may be submitted electronically to the Conference Committee Chair through email to conference@na.edu.

Abstract submissions MUST include

Name, title, institution, and email of all authors



- Title of proposed paper
- Abstract of a paper in Word format in 200-300 words
- A list of 5-10 keywords of the paper
- Brief biographical statement of all authors in Word format in a maximum of 200 words.

Important Dates

- Deadline for abstract submission: Friday, February 2, 2024, 5 pm CST
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: Friday, February 16, 2024, 5 pm CST
- Deadline for full paper submission: Friday, March 15, 2024, 5 pm CST
- Notification of acceptance of full paper: Friday, March 29, 2024, 5 pm CST
- Conference registration deadline: Friday, April 12, 2024, 5 pm CST

Conference registration is required for all presenters and attendees. The registration form is available on the <u>conference website</u>.

The registration fee for this conference is **US\$100**.

A 100% refund will be provided if the registration is canceled on or before May 1, 2024. No refund will be provided afterward. To cancel the registration, please send an email to conference@na.edu.

The presenters will have the option to present their papers online during their designated time. A link to watch the presentations on the first day of the conference will be shared with those who prefer to present online. Accepted full papers could be presented online but authors should send their presentations and prerecording videos by May 1, 2024. The registration fee will be the same for in-person and online presenters. Conference attendees other than the online presenters are expected to attend the conference in person.

Transportation

Local transportation on the days of the conference (May 10-12, 2024) for international and out-of-Houston participants will be arranged by NAU. Local participants are requested to make the arrangements on their own.

Accommodation

Participants are requested to make the arrangements on their own. Hotels in the nearby area are:

1. Comfort Inn

Special daily \$64 rate Includes: Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet Daily, Microwave/Refrigerator in each room, 32" TV, Work Desk in each room, Free high-speed Internet, Free parking, complimentary business center, Outdoor Pool & Fitness Center, Walking Distance to restaurants.



Reservation Information: Phone in Reservations

• Give the below 4 letter Code or give the North American University name when contacting the hotel directly at 713-776-2633

Code: LNAU

Online Reservations can also be made through your Special Link: https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/houston/comfort-inn-hotels/txg42/rates?ratePlanCode=LNAU

2. Staybridge Suites

Daily Rate \$79. Address: 1101 Fountain Lake Dr. Stafford, TX 77477
Website https://www.ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/stafford/houkk/hoteldetail
Email Contact darrion.gibson@staybridgestafford.com

3. Holiday Inn Express & Suits Stafford NW - Sugar Land

Address: 12507 S Kirkwood Road, Stafford, TX 77477 United States

Special daily \$65 rate Includes: Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet Daily, Microwave/Refrigerator in each room, 32" TV, Work Desk in each room, Free high-speed Internet, Free parking, Complimentary business center, Walking Distance to restaurants.

Contact <u>facilty@na.edu</u> for reservation.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Stafford NW - Sugar Land - Stafford, United States (ihg.com)

About NAU

Founded in 2010, North American University (NAU) is one of the newest universities located in Stafford, Texas, near the diverse metropolitan city of Houston which is full of opportunities. NAU is an international institution of higher learning committed to providing a nurturing environment for the systematic pursuit of academic excellence, professional and personal development, responsible citizenship, and global cultural competency. NAU is a private, non-profit, accredited, full-service college offering baccalaureate degree programs in four disciplines with several concentrations: Interdisciplinary Studies in Education, Computer Science, Business Administration and Criminal Justice. NAU also offers six master's degree programs: M.Ed. in educational leadership, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed. in School Counseling (2), MBA and a M.S. in Computer Science. NAU offers a student-centered learning environment where every student is valued and provided with opportunities to grow. NAU has an international staff and student body, representing over 60 countries. It currently has collaboration agreements with several universities globally.

About Houston



Alive with energy and rich in diversity, <u>Houston</u> is a dynamic mix of imagination, talent and first-class attractions that makes it a world-class city. Home to a vibrant economy, beautiful surroundings, and a population full of optimism and spirit, it's no wonder that Houston is a popular international destination. Greater Houston is the most ethnically diverse metropolitan area in the United States. At least 145 languages are spoken by city residents, and 90 nations have consular representation in the city. Educational opportunities play a key role in Houston's quality of life. Houston is a city known to be rich with distinguished school districts and prominent colleges and universities.

For further information, contact:

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