Conference FAQ's

What does the Conference Fee of $250 include?
The fee of $250 includes everything! The one price of $250 makes it simple for our attendees and includes the following:

- The awards events (focusing on interns) on Monday July 19
- A choice of one all-day Workshop session (5 hours) on Tuesday, July 20
- The General "State of Project SEARCH" Session on Wednesday, July 21
- Breakout sessions on Wednesday July 21 and Thursday July 22
- The closing session on Thursday, July 22
- All other activities associated with our 2021 Virtual Conference

What are the payment options for the conference?

Registrants will have the option of paying by:

- Check – can be mailed to: Project SEARCH, CCHMC, c/o Charee Partee, 3333 Burnet Ave, ML 5030, Cincinnati OH 45229
- Credit Card
    - We take all major credit cards: AmEx, Discover, MasterCard, Visa
- Purchase Order- this will be invoiced immediately and needs to be paid prior to the conference
    - Invoices can be paid to: Project SEARCH, CCHMC, c/o Charee Partee, 3333 Burnet Ave, ML 5030, Cincinnati OH 45229
- NOTE: If you pay by check or purchase order, you will not receive your conference login information until your payment has been received.

How do we access the special price of $1000 for 5 registrations?
To get this special rate, the 5 attendees must be registered together on a single registration. To process a group registration, the registration must be completed at one time. If completing a group registration, you will need to click "*Add Conference Attendee*", which is located on the "*Registration Summary*" page. Please note you are able to register up to 10 people at a time. If you need to register more than 10 attendees, please complete a new registration and click the checkbox "*Please check the box if you are registering on behalf of a conference attendee".*

Is there an "Early Bird Registration" or a one-day rate?
No, there is only one registration fee of $250 for the entire conference. There is no discount for early registration or special one-day rate.

What if I register but then cannot attend?
A full refund, minus a $50 processing fee ($200 refund), is available for cancellations made on or before June 30, 2021. If you cancel after June 30, we will not be able to refund any of your registration due to conference costs already incurred at that point.

If I'm a speaker, do I still need to register?
Yes, if you submitted an abstract and are a speaker at one of our breakout sessions, you will need to register for the conference and pay the registration fee of $250 to participate.

Will the sessions be recorded?
The breakout sessions will be recorded (except in cases where the speakers decline to give their permission). The all-day Workshop Sessions on Tuesday, July 20 will not be recorded. Breakout session recordings will be available, for conference registrants only, until December 31, 2021.

What virtual platform are you using?
The Project SEARCH Virtual Conference will be on a Zoom platform. Zoom gives us the most flexibility for multiple breakout session rooms, closed captioning, breakout rooms during each presentation, etc. Most or our educational partners are using Zoom as well. We will be using a virtual attendee hub from Crowd Compass. You will be receiving a link to the Crowd Compass app 3 - 4 weeks before the conference. The app will allow you to interact with attendees, research speakers, select your sessions, review the sponsors, and more! *Please note, you will not receive your link until your conference fee is paid in full.*

What is new this year (besides the virtual nature of the conference!)?
A lot of things are new this year!

- The awards will focus on interns who have secured employment during the pandemic.
- The Workshop Session idea is based on feedback that attendees want more in-depth learning on a specific topic versus research showing that Zoom meetings should not be longer than an hour. To balance that information, we are having one day of all-day sessions with more in-depth learning on Tuesday, followed by a program of short, one-hour breakout sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Most of the Workshop Sessions have totally new content.
- Look for some virtual activities to engage and re-connect in an enjoyable way with our Project SEARCH friends!

Will credit be offered for the Virtual Conference this year?

Yes, you can receive up to 10 hours of CRCC (Commission on Counselor Rehabilitation Certification) credits if you attend a Workshop Session, the General Opening Session and an offering at each Breakout Session. CRCC credits are typically applicable to Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Skills Trainers, and Job Developers. Education partners can often use the conference agenda and program session schedule to share with their Professional Development staff (at their own school district) ahead of time and gain permission to apply for continuing education hours. The draft agenda is available, and we will add more speakers and sessions before the conference.

Will there be a Certificate of Attendance offered?

Yes, a Certificate of Attendance will be emailed to each conference attendee a few weeks after the conference. You will need to attend the full conference to receive the certificate that verifies you attended the full conference content of 10 hours.

What kinds of breakout sessions will be offered?
We have over 60 1-hour breakout sessions, and most of these are created and presented by team members from of our Project SEARCH sites around the country and the UK. The sessions fall into the following categories:

- General
- Business
- Education / Curriculum
- Families / Interns
- Job Search
- Skills Training
- Technology