**Connect** with and **Support** Georgia’s Science Teachers

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***2019 Call for Conference Exhibitors, Conference Sponsors, and Award Sponsors***

GSTA’s 2019 annual conference is expected to bring more than 1,600 science teachers to Columbus, GA for 2½ days of professional learning, networking, collaboration, and recognition. Would you like to share your products and services with these educators, support their professional learning, or help GSTA recognize outstanding teachers, administrators, and students? If so, then we invite you to exhibit at the conference, become a conference sponsor, or sponsor an award. Please read below to learn how each of these options can help your organization connect with our attendees and support science education in Georgia.

**Conference Overview**

With the theme, **I Love Science!** the 2019 conference will help teachers engage their students in meaningful science learning with a focus on the new Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) in Science. Sessions aligned to the following strands will be complemented by field trips, featured speakers, socials, and our annual awards banquet.

 Passionate About Literacy to Fuel Deeper Scientific Understanding

 Passionate About Real-World Relevance of Science Through STEM/STEAM

 Passionate About Three-Dimensional Science Practices

**Exhibiting at the Conference**

Highlighting your products and services in our bustling exhibit areas is a great way to connect with our participants and let them know what you have to offer. We will include dedicated time in our program to drive traffic to your booth. You may also submit up to four proposals for conference sessions, in which you engage teachers first-hand to demonstrate how your resources can benefit students in the classroom. We also invite all exhibitors to provide a door prize for our Friday-afternoon drawing. This drawing is always a highlight for our participants, and it provides further incentive for participants to visit exhibits throughout the conference. Please read below for exhibitor details, additional sponsorship opportunities, and registration and contact information.

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| **Exhibitor Type** | **Registration Fee** | **Benefits** |
| Non Profit | $225 (Before Nov. 15th)$250 (After Nov. 15th) | * 10’ x 10' Booth with one 6 ft table, two chairs, waste basket, and pipe and drape.
* Dedicated exhibit hall hours
* Complimentary membership to GSTA
* Exhibitor listing and website in conference program
* Exhibitor lounge with complimentary morning breakfast
* Ability to submit up to four conference session proposals *(Note: General participants are limited to three proposals. Acceptance of proposals is not guaranteed, and will be determined by GSTA's program committee.)*
* Four individual conference registrations. Additional registrations are available for $100 each.
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| For Profit | $325 (Before Nov. 15th)$375 (After Nov. 15th) |

**Sponsoring the Conference or Awards**

GSTA relies on partnerships with generous sponsors to provide the best science professional learning experience in Georgia and to recognize excellence in science education across the state. To foster these partnerships, GSTA offers multiple sponsorship levels that allow sponsors to support the excellent professional learning offered through our conference or to help the Georgia Science Teachers Education Foundation recognize excellence in science teaching.

General Guidelines:

* For each sponsorship, the sponsor may choose to support either the conference through GSTA’s general organization or the awards program through our education foundation.
* Multiple sponsorships are available at each level.
* Sponsorships do not include exhibitor registration.
* In-kind sponsorships can be negotiated.

Benefits for All Sponsors

* Free tickets to GSTA's annual awards banquet (Bronze=1 ticket; Higher Levels=2 tickets)
* Input on booth location for sponsors who register as exhibitors by the early bird deadline
* Name and color logo listed in conference program, on online app, and on electronic kiosk
* Recognition in GSTA's e-newsletter and website
* All awards sponsors will also be recognized with name and logo in awards banquet program

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| **Level** | **Amount** | **Type** | **Additional Benefits** |
| **Conference** | **Awards** |
| Bronze | $500 | * Conference Totes
 | * Administrator of the Year
 | * May provide one item to be stuffed into conference bags OR Recognition with selected award during awards banquet
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| Silver | $1,000 | * Networking Social
 | * Teacher of Promise
* Conference Grant
* Classroom Mini-Grant
 | * 1/4-page black & white ad in conference program
* Signage at selected social OR Recognition with selected award during awards banquet
* May provide one item to be stuffed into conference bags
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| Gold | $1,500 | * Refreshment Break
 | * Teacher of the Year
 | * 1/2-page black & white ad in conference program
* Signage at selected refreshment break OR Recognition with selected award during awards banquet
* May provide one item to be stuffed into conference bags
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| Platinum | $2,000 | * Featured Speaker
 | * ScienceQuest Teacher Scholarship
* Science Adventure Student Scholarship
 | * Full-page black & white ad in conference program
* Recognition during introduction of designated featured speaker OR Recognition with selected award during awards banquet
* Recognition with in conference program with designated speaker's profile
* May provide two items to be stuffed into conference bags
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Are you ready to **Connect** with and **Support** Georgia’s Science Teachers?

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| **Opportunity** | **Next Steps** | **Contact for More Information** |
| Conference Exhibits | * See below for additional details
* Register online at www.georgiascienceteacher.org
 | Dr. Sharon Boyer, Exhibits Chair, sharongsta14@gmail.com |
| Conference Sponsorships | * Contact Ms. Eales and Dr. White to make specific arrangements
 | Dr. Donald White, Conference Chair donald.white@cowetaschools.orgMs. Sarah Eales, Presidentseeales@gmail.com |
| Award Sponsorships | * See below for additional details
* Contact Dr. Creel to make specific arrangements
 | Dr. Sally Creel, Awards and Foundation Chair, sally.creel@gmail.com |

**Additional Information for Exhibitors**

* Exhibitors may submit session proposals through the regular process on GSTA’s website. The deadline for all proposals is October 31st, 2018.
* Hotel reservations for the Columbus Marriott can be made on their website using the following link: https://bit.ly/2DsejdM
* Conference Center and GSTA Contact Information:

Marriott Hotel

801 Front Avenue

Columbus, GA 31901

706-327-0162

Exhibits Chair:

Sharon Boyer

sharongsta14@gmail.com

770-403-9836

* **Registration and Cancellations:**
	+ Each exhibitor is entitled to register four (4) representatives without charge per booth purchased. Each additional representative will be billed $100.
	+ Exhibitors who request cancellation of their exhibit space before November 1, 2018, are entitled to a full refund. For cancellations made by December 1, 2018, a 50% refund will be provided. **No refunds** after December 1, 2018. All cancellation requests must be made in writing to the Exhibits Chair.
* Please list your website correctly on the registration form and provide the email address of one of your exhibitors to receive future correspondence about the conference.
* **EXHIBITORS MUST AGREE NOT TO DISMANTLE OR TEAR-DOWN EXHIBITS BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY**
* **Exhibit Hall Hours:**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Activity** |
| Wednesday, 13 February | 4:00pm - 8:00pm | Exhibitor move in |
| Thursday, 14 February | 8:00am - 5:00pm | Exhibit Hall open |
| Friday, 15 February | 8:00am - 5:00pm | Exhibit Hall open |
| Friday, 15 February | 5:00pm - 9:00pm | Exhibitor move out |

**Additional Information for Awards Sponsors**

The Georgia Science Teachers Education Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation of the Georgia Science Teachers Association. It was organized to serve as the charitable arm of the GSTA. The goal of the Foundation is the distribute awards and scholarships for promoting science education. It will accept real or personal gifts (money or even property) from individuals or corporations.

Annual tax deductible contributions may be made at several levels as described above. In addition, individuals may contribute an “In Honor/Memory Of” donation of $250. Appropriate acknowledgements will be mailed for such contributions. GSTEF Donors who contribute $500 or more will be invited to the annual GSTA Awards Banquet. Records of contributions will be kept on a calendar year basis.

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| **Georgia Science Teachers Education Foundation Sponsor Information** |
| **Name:**  |  |  **Individual**  **Corporate** |
| **Address:** |  | **Phone:** |
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| **E-Mail :**  |  |
| **Designate Donation:**  | Specific Award (please list):  |
| In Honor of: | In Memory of:  |
| **Please check one:** |  Yes, please list my contribution in eObservations and/or Conference Program.  |  No, do not list my contribution in eObservations and/or Conference Program. |  I want this contribution to remain anonymous.  |

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Please send this form and contribution, payable to the Georgia Science Teachers Education Foundation, Inc to:

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