



# CONFERENCE GUIDE FOR ATTENDEES

We look forward to seeing you in Bean Town soon for PEARC22! To help make your experience that much more enjoyable, we've assembled a few reminders and tips for getting the most out of your time in Boston.

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## GETTING READY

**Preparing for PEARC22.** Start planning now to get the most out of your conference experience! The best place to start is at the [PEARC22 website](#). Here you will find descriptions of all the activities and a detailed [Technical Program Schedule](#) that you can use to build your own personalized agenda.

**Get the CVENT app.** Just download the CVENT app from the Google Play or Apple App Store and enter PEARC22 in the conference search bar or go directly to: <https://cvent/me/EWzw5P>. (You need to log on with the same email with which you registered for the conference.) The CVENT app allows you to build your own personal schedule and carry it in the palm of your hand. The app replaces our traditional printed schedule and will be updated in real time as changes are necessary. If you do not have a smartphone, a printed copy of the schedule can be requested at the registration desk.

**Make your lodging reservations.** If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to make your lodging arrangements at the Boston Park Plaza, the official PEARC22 conference hotel. The number of attendees staying at the conference hotel directly affects our ability to offer special programs and keeps registration fees from rising. Staying at the conference hotel also enriches your conference experience, making it easy to attend evening social events and network with colleagues outside of formal conference sessions.

**COVID Protocols.** All PEARC22 attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide a negative result from a PCR test administered not earlier than July 7 by a licensed COVID-19 testing facility. (Results from over-the-counter home tests cannot be accepted.) There are no exceptions to this requirement and failure to comply with this requirement will not warrant a refund of conference fees. PEARC22 has contracted with a third-party provider, InHouse Physicians (IHP), to oversee all vaccine and testing verification.

Please submit your vaccination card or negative result [here](#). You will receive an email with a green checkmark once your result has been verified (usually within 24-hours). You must be verified in advance as we cannot accept vaccination cards or negative test results onsite.

Anyone who has potentially been exposed to COVID or is experiencing symptoms is asked to follow the CDC quarantine and isolation guidelines available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#> Attendees are expected to self-monitor for compliance with these guidelines.

Presently, masking while indoors is optional in the city of Boston, but you are encouraged to wear a mask during the conference, especially when social distancing is not possible. And, even if you choose not to mask, please be courteous and respectful of those who choose to do so. Please keep a mask handy should you be asked to wear one during small group conversations. Masks will be available upon request at the registration desk.

**First-Time Attendees.** Attending a professional conference for the first time can be a daunting experience, but with just a bit of preparation and some inside advice, you can navigate like a pro. Take a look at our [handy guide for first timers](#) to get some practical tips that will up your conference game.

**Review the PEARC Code of Conduct.** It's been a few years since we've had a chance to flex our social interaction skills and some of us may be a bit rusty. PEARC is dedicated to providing a welcoming, inclusive, and harassment-free conference experience for everyone. Anything less will not be tolerated. Do yourself a favor and review the PEARC Code of Conduct so you know what is expected.

To report unacceptable behavior that has occurred at ACM PEARC22 (or during volunteer planning activities leading up to the conference), please email [pearc.coc@pearc.org](mailto:pearc.coc@pearc.org). While on-site at PEARC22, you may contact an event organizer immediately by calling **(732) 723-8368** (PEARCEVENT) or by visiting our Safe Space (Back Bay Room, 4th Floor). Lastly, this year we will welcome a representative from the [SIGHPC CARES Committee](#) as an additional resource—look out for the CARES button.

**Embrace our Diverse Community.** The PEARC community is broad and diverse, and we want everyone to be seen, feel welcome and safe, and have their needs met while attending the conference. We have prioritized dedicated spaces for wellness and mental respite (Newberry Room, 4th Floor), spiritual practice (Winthrop Room, 4th Floor), and nursing mothers (4th Floor, adjacent to the elevators.) We also have dedicated space in the plenary session room for those with vision, hearing, or physical limitations. And, we have worked closely with hotel catering staff to make sure that everyone has appropriate food options, including vegetarian, vegan, plant-based, and gluten-free offerings. If you need any assistance throughout the conference, please ask a student volunteer, a committee member, a member of the registration desk team or hotel staff.

**Poster Printing.** Order in advance at this link provided by FedEx Office at the Boston Park Plaza, and have your poster waiting for you when you arrive: <https://docstore.fedex.com/hco5690>

## GETTING SITUATED

**Pick up your conference badge.** After you check in at the Boston Park Plaza, please proceed to the PEARC22 Registration Desk, located in the Georgian Checkroom on the second floor (Grand Ballroom level) to register and pick up your badge, which you need to wear at all times during the conference. The registration desk will be open:

**Sunday, July 10:**

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Monday, July 11:**

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 12:**

7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 13:**

7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 14:**

7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

On Sunday and Monday, you can usually expect a line at registration—even when registered in advance—so plan to arrive at least thirty minutes before your first session or event. The registration desk also serves as a general information desk if you have questions or need help with anything throughout the conference.

**How PEARC22 is Organized.** You've told us that many of your most important interactions happen outside of formal conference sessions. We heard you loud and clear and hope that you notice a bit more breathing room in the daily schedule, from longer morning and afternoon breaks, to extended lunch breaks, and an end of the day "pause" so that you can take a beat before evening activities begin. We encourage you to make the most of this extra time in the schedule and use it to deepen and enrich your PEARC22 and Boston experience.

There are five main components of the PEARC22 Conference: Tutorials and Workshops, Technical Program, Exhibitor Forum, Student Program, and co-located Workshops and Events.

- 1. Tutorials and Workshops.** Monday is Tutorials and Workshops Day. Members of the PEARC22 community are offering a slate of half- and full-day options on a wide range of topics.

**2. Technical Program:** At the heart of the conference is the [Technical Program](#), providing multiple forums for sharing research, development, discovery, and applications in high performance computing, networking, storage, visualization, and analysis, including:

- Plenary Speakers
- Technical Tracks
- Posters
- Birds of a Feather
- PEARC *Interact!* (formerly Visualization Showcase)
- Panels
- Awards

*Conference registration is required to attend these sessions.*

**3. Exhibitor Forum:** Our exhibitor community is an essential part of the PEARC22 conference. In fact, it would be difficult (maybe even impossible) to host this conference without their support. This year, our Platinum level exhibitors - DDN/Intel Habana, Dell Technologies/AMD, and Microsoft, are hosting workshops on Monday and our first ever Diamond-level exhibitor - Cambridge Computer - will host a special Thursday afternoon workshop. So, plan your travel accordingly. You can find the full schedule of Exhibitor Forum workshops in the [conference schedule](#) or the CVENT app. We encourage you to visit our exhibitors in the Mezzanine Foyers (Grand Ballroom level, 2nd Floor) on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

*The Exhibitor Forum is open to all registered attendees.*

**4. Student Program:** The PEARC22 conference strives to build and support a strong and diverse HPC student community at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, through professional development, opportunities to learn from mentors, and engagement with PEARC22's technical sessions. The [Student Program](#) includes special student-centered events, including an internship spotlight, a mentor program, structured interactions with exhibitors, a resume workshop, and The Village, where a variety of student training models - including competitions - are showcased via a tabling event with posters. Table hosts are available to answer questions during 'office hours' on M-W evenings. The Student Program also provides volunteers who help the conference run smoothly.

*Student programs are open to registered students, mentors, and by special invitation.*

**5. Co-located Workshops and Events:** To broaden the impact of the PEARC22 conference, we have made possible the co-location of workshops and special events that align closely in scope and mission.

*Many of these co-located events are open to registered conference attendees, but several are by invitation-only. Please refer to the [conference schedule](#) for details.*

**Wireless Access.** The conference provides an open wireless network that has been setup to provide you with the best possible experience. As with any open network, please make sure your system is fully updated and standard host security features are enabled. Information about using the conference wireless will be posted around the venue.

**Conference Hotel and Floor Plan.** First things first: Pay attention to the elevators! You will need to scan your room key to access your guest room floor, so keep it handy and always take it with you when you leave your room.

While PEARC activities are distributed throughout the hotel, most activities take place on the second, fourth, and lobby levels. See the [hotel floor plan](#) for detailed information. A few events, including most Student Program activities, take place on the Lower Lobby Level in the Terrace Room.

**Presenter Needs.** For presenters, PEARC22 is BYOL—Bring Your Own Laptop. Presentation rooms for the Technical Program will have standard AV set-ups with a projector, screen, and microphone. If you need anything else, ask the Student Volunteer assigned to your session or stop by the Registration Desk, and we'll do our best to get you what you need. We also have a [reference page](#) that answers other questions presenters may have.

**A Word About Sustainability.** PEARC22 made conscious choices to reduce our impact by eliminating unnecessary give-a-ways, using water stations instead of bottled water, and foregoing disposable service items. And we've encouraged the hotel to select locally sourced food, offer plant-based alternatives, and eliminate pre-packaged items when possible to do so without compromising attendees' health and safety.

We've also opted for biodegradable name badge holders and eliminated the printed pocket guide (in favor of the CVENT app.) Finally, the Boston Park Plaza employs a progressive conservation program that extends from the front desk, to guest rooms, to the kitchen and restaurant facilities, including a composting program, a modern energy management system, paperless check-in, and compact fluorescent light bulbs throughout the hotel.

**Give us your feedback.** Throughout the conference you will have several opportunities to give us your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete your tutorial, workshop, student program, and/or general conference evaluations. We value your time and input; your feedback on conference sessions and activities is critical to developing, expanding, and evolving the conference to meet your needs. Don't be afraid to tell us what you liked and what you didn't!

# GETTING SOCIAL

**Get Connected with PEARC22 Social Media.** PEARC22 welcomes the use of social media during all sessions, keynotes, bird-of-a-feather, and social events, including live tweeting. PEARC22 is on Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook to help you connect with colleagues, discuss what's going on, get the latest news from exhibitors, post videos and images about your experience, and share ideas about what to do (and where to eat!) in Boston:

**Twitter:** Follow [@Pearc\\_Conf](#) and use [#PEARC22](#)

**LinkedIn:** Follow PEARC on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/pearc](https://www.linkedin.com/company/pearc).

**Facebook:** Like the [PEARC22](#) page, check for updates and share your own [facebook.com/PEARChpc](https://www.facebook.com/PEARChpc).

**Our website:** <https://pearc.acm.org/pearc22/>

We ask social media users to follow these best practices:

- Treat all participants, attendees, conference and hotel staff, and exhibitors with respect and consideration.
- Seek first to understand others' perspectives, and embrace the diversity of views and opinions.
- Honor requests *not* to post photos of speakers or other attendees.
- Critique ideas rather than individuals.
- Avoid personal attacks directed toward other attendees, participants, conference and hotel staff, and suppliers/vendors.
- Be mindful of the [PEARC22 Code of Conduct](#).

**Networking and Social Events.** There are two major networking and social events scheduled by the PEARC22 conference that are open to all attendees. These start early and end early, so be sure to make plans to experience Boston dining and nightlife afterwards.

- **Posters and *Interact!* Reception**, Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., will be held in the Georgian Room (Grand Ballroom level, 2nd Floor) with complimentary refreshments and appetizers. This event will be a key time to engage with posters and *Interact!* authors and socialize with other attendees.



- **Offsite Networking Event at Kings Back Bay**, Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. Join us for bowling, shuffleboard, old-school arcade games, billiards, dinner, and drinks - and NETWORKING - at [Kings Back Bay](#) located at 50 Dalton Street, Boston, MA, 02115. It's a short walk (just under a mile) from the hotel but transportation will be provided for those in need. Attendees and their guests can purchase tickets at the Registration Desk.
- The [Student Program](#) also has several social and networking events open only to student program participants and/or mentors.
- There will be a physical **job board** available in the Georgian Room with the rest of the posters on Tuesday, July 12, and Wednesday, July 13, where anyone is welcome to post any job openings and advertisements.

**Monday Night Dinner Meetups.** While there is no formal social activity on the evening of Monday, July 11, we've secured some of the hottest tables in town for small-group dinners. Sign up at the Registration Desk to experience some of Boston's best cuisine and meet some new friends! Attendees and their guests are welcome.

*Dinner cost is not included in conference registration; participants are responsible for the cost of their own dinner. Spaces are limited and on a first-come/first-served basis.*

**Dietary and Special Needs.** From vegetarian, vegan, plant-based, and gluten-free options, to bilingual staff, to accessible rooms that feature visual strobe light/fire horn alarms, closed-caption TVs or closed-caption decoders, braille signage, accessible lavatory controls, wide doorway and shower clearances, accessible countertops and mirrors, and TTY for guest use, the conference hotel is well-equipped to handle any special needs or requests. Before checking in, please alert the front desk staff of any special accommodations that you may require upon arrival.

We've included a variety of vegetarian and gluten-free options in the conference menus. If you indicated special dietary restrictions in your conference registration, please alert a member of the banquet staff during service. In certain cases, special items have been reserved and are not on the buffet tables for general consumption.

***If you don't see something you can eat, please let us know!***

## GETTING AROUND

**Printing, Shipping, and Receiving Services.** For printing, shipping, or receiving, a FedEx Office is located on the Mezzanine Level of the Boston Park Plaza. This FedEx location handles all shipping and receiving for the hotel. Should you need to have items delivered to the hotel, you will pick up your packages here. Please note that a surcharge will be added to all packages shipped or received. **A storage fee will be assessed for packages arriving more than four days prior to the start of the conference.**

*Packages shipped to the hotel should be addressed to:*

(Guest Name) (Guest Cell Number)  
c/o FedEx Office at Boston Park Plaza Hotel  
50 Park Plaza  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116  
[PEARC22]  
**Box \_\_ of \_\_**

*Location Phone Numbers and Email*

**Phone:** (617) 423-0204  
**Fax:** (617) 423-0601  
**Email:** [usa5690@fedex.com](mailto:usa5690@fedex.com)

*Location Hours*

**Mon - Fri:** 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Closed

**Transportation Options.** Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) is located approximately 27 minutes (3 miles) from the Boston Park Plaza, the official PEARC22 conference hotel. Boston has an extensive public transit system and there are many ways to get to and from the airport. Visit [MassPort](#) to explore all your options. One-way cab and Uber/Lyft fares are typically \$35-\$50, depending on the time of day and traffic conditions. Less expensive options, such as the airport shuttle, can be arranged upon arrival at BOS for \$24/one way. If using the airport shuttle, no reservation is needed upon arrival, but return trips to the airport do require a reservation. The cheapest option is to take Boston's Subway, the "T." The Boston Park Plaza Hotel is located at the Arlington Stop (Green Line) and Back Bay Stop (Orange Line).

For those driving to the conference, valet parking is available at the hotel for \$65/night and includes in-and-out privileges. Self-parking at somewhat lower rates is available at the Motor Mart Garage located across the street from the hotel (entrance at 201 Stuart Street.) The Motor Mart Garage is not affiliated with the conference hotel and does not offer in-and-out privileges.

**Enjoy Boston – Safely!** We want all PEARC attendees to have a great conference experience, which includes enjoying all the sights, sounds, and activities Boston has to offer. The area surrounding the hotel and Boston, in general, are considered safe and have lots of pedestrian traffic, but, as with all major cities, especially those with large numbers of tourists, awareness of your surroundings and your belongings is essential. Here are a few reminders to help make sure you have a safe and productive trip:

- DO NOT WEAR YOUR CONFERENCE BADGE outside of the conference hotel. This is often how scammers and criminals target tourists.
- Use the buddy system, traveling in groups of two or more when leaving the conference hotel. Never walk alone at night.
- If you are using Lyft or Uber, before entering the vehicle verify that it's the correct one.
- Make sure to have your phone with you (and charged) at all times, in case of emergencies.
- Be sure you have at least one other attendee's contact information—and that at least one other attendee has your contact information. When you leave the conference hotel, let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Don't walk with your phone in your hand. Make sure you are looking up when you walk to see other people around you and your surroundings.
- The hotel staff can provide guidance about areas that are safe (or not safe) before going out. Most importantly, use common sense and don't walk in areas that are dark, off-the beaten-path, or deserted. Stay on well-lit, major streets.
- If you are driving, double-check that your car doors are locked when you park, and secure any valuables in your trunk.
- Exercise caution in parking structures, stairwells, and elevators.
- Don't leave your belongings unattended in or outside of the conference hotel.

- Lock your hotel door at night. Don't leave your door open or share your card key with anyone other than your roommate.
- Follow Your Instincts. Don't talk to strangers, get into random cars, or accept things from people you don't know. Never leave public places with strangers.

**Planning your Visit to Boston.** Located at 50 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, the hotel offers proximity to everything that makes Boston an amazing destination. It is one of the most sought-after hotels near Boston Common and enjoys an ideal location, just steps away from the Public Garden, Theater District, and many of the city's most popular historical sites. Walk the Freedom Trail, located only a short stroll from the hotel; check out Little Italy for classic Italian fare; or visit Newbury Street for a range of shopping and restaurants just a few blocks away. Here are a few links to help you plan what to do – and where to eat – while in Boston:

[Town and Country 38 Things to do in Boston](#)

[Lonely Planet Boston](#)

[New York Times 36 Hours in Boston](#)

[Atlas Obscura 111 Cool, Hidden, and Unusual Things to Do in Boston Massachusetts](#)

[TimeOut The 46 Best things to do in Boston](#)

[Eater The 38 Essential Boston Restaurants](#)

[TimeOut's 34 Best Restaurants in Boston Right Now](#)

[A Countdown of the Best Cheap Eats You Can Find in Boston](#)

[Where To Eat for Really, Really Cheap in Boston](#)

*Thanks to all of our PEARC22 exhibitors!*

**Current exhibitors as of publication on June 23, 2022:**

**Diamond**



**Platinum**



**Gold**



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## Silver



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## Bronze



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