



2020 Media Welcome Letter

Thank you for your participation as a member of the NeurIPS 2020 press pool. Please note that, due to the virtual nature of this year's event, and in consideration of increased sharing of news and information from the conference through social media, our press policies have been modified to better assist you in covering NeurIPS 2020.

Press participants are granted full access across this year's conference. Captured screenshots from virtual presentations can be shared; however, attributed quotes must be pre-approved and shown only within the context of use when shared. Please confirm any quotes or attributions directly with speakers, participants, or interviewees prior to publication.

You're invited to attend the talks, panels, demonstrations, workshops, and active training that will be held on Sunday, December 6, during the NeurIPS 2020 Expo. The EXPO is focused on placing the foundational ideas that are being developed in the industrial sections of the fields represented at NeurIPS in a real-world context. The Expo will run all day and can be accessed from the NeurIPS website.

The virtual press conference, scheduled for December 7, 8:00 - 9:00 am PT, is designed as a platform for the media to ask questions and directly engage with NeurIPS representatives. We will provide an outline of the press conference program beforehand and press materials are available by visiting the NeurIPS Press page "media kit" here: <https://neurips.cc/Conferences/2020/Press?showtab=pass>.

Members of the press are invited to participate in NeurIPS tutorials, though the associated Q&A sessions are designed for attendees to ask questions. If you have specific questions and would like to speak with one of the presenters, please schedule an interview independently or let us know if you would like our help facilitating these connections for you. Also, the NeurIPS organizers are posting conference updates on the [NeurIPS Medium Blog](#), and they invite you to check this resource for regular updates.

As NeurIPS sponsors have requested introductions to the press, in 2020, we are providing a list of our sponsors' PR contacts and their subject matter experts with whom you can arrange interviews directly. All journalist contact information will remain private unless permission is granted to share it. We are available to assist in arranging interviews with the NeurIPS Board, Program Chairs, and paper-award winners should you be interested in pursuing a meeting.

Please remember that the co-located affinity workshops such as Black in AI, Indigenous-AI, LatinX in AI, Muslims in ML, Queer in AI, Muslims in ML, and Women in ML are independently

organized events. You can reach or we'd be happy to assist you with introductions, should you want to interact with these groups.

Thank you again for participating in the 2020 NeurIPS virtual conference as we work through these difficult times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your efforts are essential for us to engage the public and drive conversation around the realities and direction of research in the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning.

We are continually exploring ways to make your NeurIPS experience as smooth and efficient as possible. If you have any specific requests, needs, or recommendations, please don't hesitate to ask and we'll consider all input for NeurIPS 2020 and future events.

Kind regards,

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