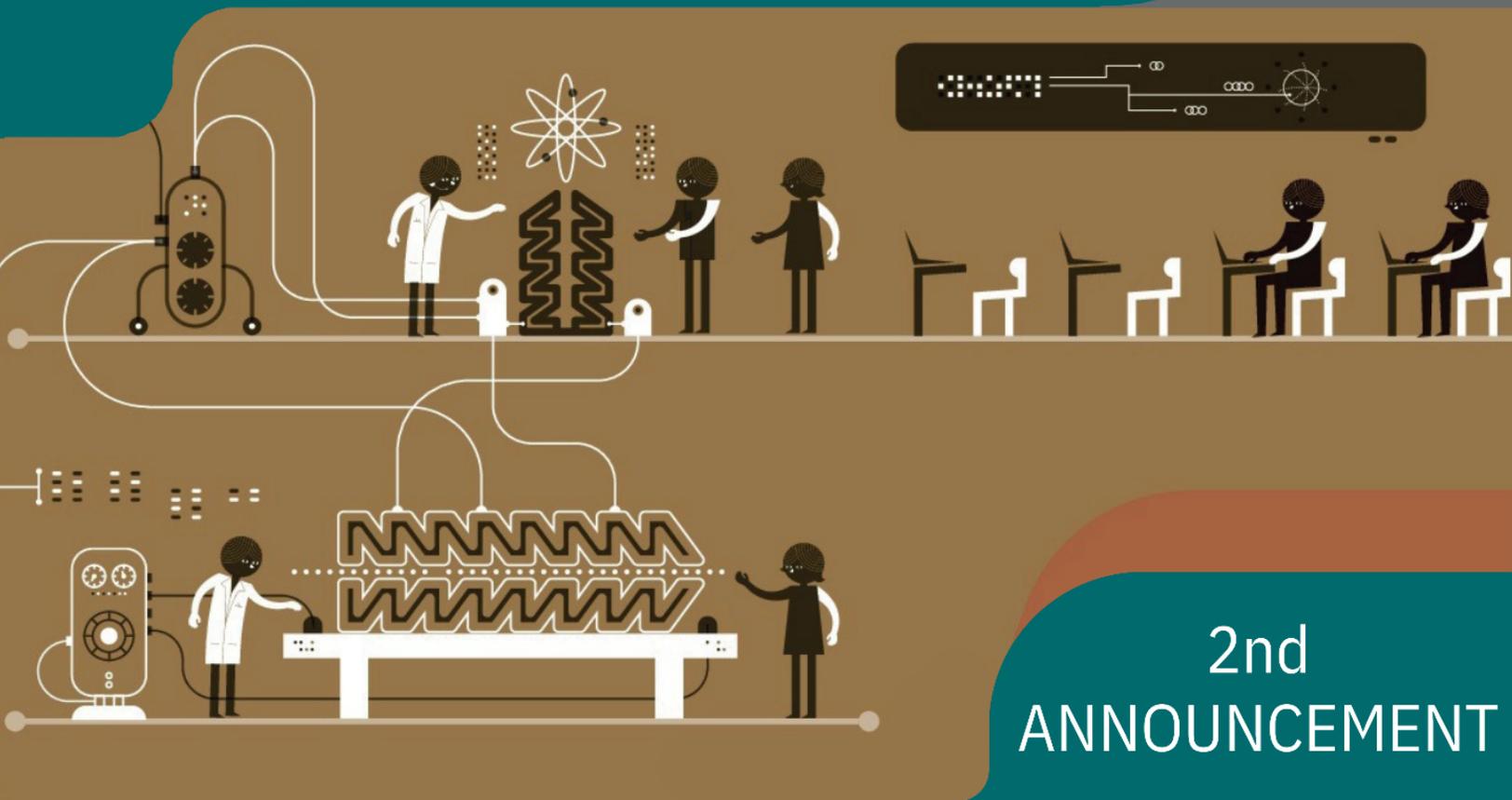




SCHOOL OF
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2nd
ANNOUNCEMENT

Nanoscience Summer School @ YachayTech 2024



Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th of May
Centro Comunitario de Educación
Ambiental "Miguel Cifuentes", Santa Cruz
Galápagos-Ecuador
www.nssyconference.org

Registration open now
Scholarships available





Welcome to the V Nanoscience Summer School @ YachayTech 2024 (NNSY 2024)



On behalf of The School of Physical Sciences and Nanotechnology at Yachay Tech University in cooperation with the Galapagos Hub, we invite you to join us at the fifth edition of the Nanoscience Summer School @ Yachay Tech 2024 (NNSY 2024).

This Summer School will be held from the 19th to 25th of May, 2024, at Puerto Ayora in the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador). NNSY 2024 features plenary sessions by internationally-renowned scientists, talks by leading researchers, and a two-day poster session. This international event welcomes up to 120 participants, fostering discussions on cutting-edge nanotechnology from theory to practice. Join and explore nanotech topics, applications, and discoveries in the stunning Galapagos. Don't miss this enriching experience.

See you in the Galapagos Islands!

Format

The NNSY2024 is a dynamic week-long conference where international scientists, leading researchers, and passionate students in nanotechnology converge. The event features captivating morning keynote sessions, invited talks by top researchers, and contributed talks selected from outstanding abstract submissions, fostering open discussions during informal poster sessions. With a main focus on a two-day poster session, NNSY2024 offers an ideal platform for knowledge exchange. Dedicated to nurturing emerging talent, this international gathering creates an informal atmosphere to share ideas and results across various nanotechnology domains, both theoretical and experimental.

Topics

- > Nano to Bio and Bio to Nano
- > Nanomaterials for Sensing
- > Theory and Modelling
- > Magnetism and Superconductivity at the Nanoscale
- > Advanced Materials Processing and Characterization

Web Page

<https://www.nnsyconference.org/>



Key Dates

First Announcement	Dec, 2023
Second Announcement	22 Dec, 2023
Registration opens and Abstract Submission	Dec 22, 2023 to Jan 31, 2024
Acceptance confirmation	From March 5, 2024
Early Bird Payment	Until March 31th, 2024
Standard Payment	Until May 1, 2024
Conference	May 19 to 25, 2024

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Conference Fees

Please refer to the **TABLE** below for detailed information regarding the registration fees for the conference. The table includes standard costs and early bird discounts.

Included in the registration fees for attendees:

- The required entrance TAX for Galapagos Islands entry—(for more details, visit <https://galapagos.gob.ec/tributo-de-ingreso/>)
- Daily **breakfasts** from Monday to Friday
- **Welcome Reception** on Sunday
- **Coffee breaks** throughout the program
- Provisions for **drinks and snacks** during the Poster Session.

Additionally, participants will enjoy the **Conference Tour**, **Integration Dinner**, and an engaging **Networking Event**, making this event a unique and enriching experience.

CONFERENCE FEES	EARLY BIRD Until March 31st	STANDARD From April 1st
Undergraduate Students	\$300	\$400
Graduate Students	\$350	\$450
Academy and Industry	\$400	\$500
Invited and Keynote Speakers	\$0	



Accompanying guest fees:

The accompanying guest registration fees of **\$200** encompasses several benefits.

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- Required entrance TAX for Galapagos Islands (for more details, visit <https://galapagos.gob.ec/tributo-de-ingreso/>)
- **Conference Tour.**
- **Integration Dinner.**

Registration Process

We are happy to welcome you this year at NSSY 2024. Please follow the steps below for a successful registration, for a detailed guideline follow our guidebook :

1. Complete the following registration form on our web page: <https://www.nssyconference.org/>, with your email (make sure it is written correctly). Fill all the information about your abstract and your participation type into the registration form by January 31st, 2023. For your abstract follow the Abstract guidelines that can be found on our website..

Participation type:

I. **Oral contribution** research lectures are scheduled for 30 minutes, including 10 minutes for discussion.

II. **Young Researcher** Talks are scheduled for 20 minutes, including 5 minutes for discussion.

III. **Posters** have to be designed in A0 - Portrait format. (W84,1xL118,9cm).

IV. **Attendance:** Open to everyone, even if you do not present.

2. **Scholarships available!** If you are an undergraduate student or postgraduate (masters and PhD) student and want to apply for a grant, you will have to attach to the registration form a motivation letter, semester enrollment, and CV.

3. After acceptance, a notification will be sent to participants with instructions for the payment process.

We need to receive your payment by April 15th, 2024.

Scholarship Requirements

During the registration process, undergraduate and postgraduate (masters and PhD students) students can apply for a scholarship to cover the cost of the **CONFERENCE FEES**, and the local accommodation for 7 days and 6 nights in shared rooms. A limited number of grants are available. In addition to the abstract submission of your work, it is also important to upload the following:

- I. **Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max.)**
- II. **Motivation Letter (1 page max.)**
- III. **Certificate of current enrollment at your institution.**

The selection criteria will be based on the quality of the abstract and motivation letter.

Important considerations for the scholarship:

- I. It will not cover your travel expenses.
- II. You must attend 100% of the conference activities.
- III. You will have to sign a letter of engagement.
- IV. You will have to sign a promissory note in case you breach some of the conditions presented in the letter of engagement.

Conference Publication

All NSSY2024 presentations are set for publication in Carbon Trends as a special issue, with waived publication fees. This peer-reviewed, open-access journal is a companion to the well-established Carbon journal.



Carbon Trends provides an open platform for advancing carbon materials science, encompassing developments in various carbon forms, from bulk to low-dimensional structures. The journal primarily focuses on material systems where carbon holds a central role, including composites and closely related materials like nitrides, carbides, and graphene-like structures (0D, 1D, and 2D).

Accepted manuscripts undergo rigorous peer review and adhere to the journal's publication standards. However, acceptance for presentation at the summer school doesn't guarantee inclusion in the special issue.

Manuscripts should be directly submitted via the journal's website, ensuring selection of "NSSY2024" as the special issue to facilitate full waiver of publication fees in this open-access journal. Manuscripts should be submitted by the end of June 2024. More information can be obtained by contacting the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Vincent Meunier at vincent.meunier@psu.edu

About NSSY

In October 2017, the University Yachay Tech in Ecuador organized its first NSSY on its campus in the north highlands of the country. At that time, the university had been inaugurated as part of one of the most ambitious science and technology parks in the north Andean region of South America. The purpose of the new university was to inspire the development of science and knowledge in Ecuador to lay the foundations for applied and fundamental research. At the national level, they sought strong collaborations with established institutions to generate and lead interdisciplinary projects. At the international level, a path to gaining visibility was to expose students to international events and competitions as well as organizing events to present the project to the world.

The event has now developed into a strong venue with international visibility. Starting from a small-sized event that took place at the campus of the hosting university, NSSY has now developed, after four editions, into an attractive venue for

international researchers to present their work and look for opportunities to collaborate.

In addition, NSSY now hosts additional activities that seek to impact the local community including motivational activities for junior science schools targeting children from a region where otherwise little scientific culture would be accessible. [More info.](#)

Organizing Institutions

Yachay Tech

The Experimental Technology Research University Yachay (Yachay Tech) opened its doors in 2014. It is a world-class, globally and regionally connected transformative center for research and education.

Yachay Tech is a highly interdisciplinary institution that has been conceived with the philosophy of stimulating fundamental research, encouraging scientific learning and it rewards academic and research excellence.

The School of Physical Sciences and Nanotechnology is one of the six schools from Yachay Tech. It focuses on disciplines that cover not only fundamental physics but a range of topics such as materials science and nano-biotechnology, directed to the development of new fields of theoretical and experimental research that bring new technologies that are urgently needed in Ecuador to boost its industrial development.

To learn more about the project and the university programs, please explore the career sections of www.yachaytech.edu.ec

Galapagos Hub

The Galapagos Hub is a platform for knowledge exchange between different organizations, institutions and communities of Galapagos as well as a wide range of national and international partners. It will foster innovation, entrepreneurship, knowledge and technology transfer and effective public policy advice. To learn more about Galapagos



Hub for Sustainability, Innovation and Resilience, please visit: <https://galapagoshub.org>

Venue

The fifth edition of the Nanoscience Summer School at Yachay Tech international edition will be held at the Environmental Community Center "Miguel Cifuentes", Puerto Ayora - Galapagos in Ecuador.



Centro Comunitario de Educación Ambiental "Miguel Cifuentes".

Puerto Ayora

The second largest island in the Galapagos Islands is Santa Cruz, Puerto Ayora hosts the biggest population with over 15,000 inhabitants in its 986 square kilometers of the surface. In this large dormant volcano, it is too casual to find multicolor crabs, iguanas, sea lions, and Galapagos turtles; just human and nature coexisting in harmony. Home to both the Charles Darwin Foundation and the Galápagos National Park, Puerto Ayora is the center of the Galápagos conservation efforts. Puerto Ayora has the best-developed infrastructure and communication facilities in the archipelago. The population is smiling and warmful, they are dedicated mainly to tourism, artisanal fishing, agriculture and livestock.

Galapagos Islands

The Enchanted Islands, one of the most renowned destinations in the world offer a one-of-a-kind nature

experience. Picture yourself walking amongst giant turtles, sea lions and exotic birds or swimming alongside whale sharks and giant manta rays who have no fear of man and are just as curious about you as you are about them. This unique opportunity is only possible in the Galapagos Islands. Located 1.000 kilometers (600 miles) on the Ecuadorian Pacific Coast, the islands are a living museum and showcase of evolution. Declared a Natural World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979, the Galapagos have also been recognized as the 1st destination to visit before you die by the readers of USA TODAY.



Bartolomé Island - Galápagos