

A Virtual Experience ^{Vol. 2} SCIENCE TALK '21

March 24-26, 2021

Science Talk '21 FAQ

I registered! How do I access the conference?

Check your email inbox (make sure it's the email address you used to register) for an email from Whova, which is the conference platform. Open the link in that email, then log in. You can choose to download the Whova app or open the platform from a browser. We highly recommend using a laptop or desktop machine and operating; the app has reduced features. Once you open the conference webpage, we recommend bookmarking it in your browser for easy access each day.

Once you log in, [create your profile](#) using the menu in the upper right.



I'm on the conference page. How do I access sessions?

Go to the **Agenda** tab on the left side of the page. This will bring up the agenda for the 3-day conference. To join a session, simply click the “**View Session**” button associated with that session. The “Add to My Agenda” feature is only available through the app, but any added items will be visible when you log in with a browser and click “My Agenda”. It's easiest to just use the agenda on the website to avoid switching platforms. You can also adjust your time zone (red circle).

MAIN NAVIGATION

- Home
- Agenda**
- Attendees
- Community
- Exhibitors
- Messages

RESOURCES

- Session Q&A
- Video Gallery
- Documents
- Polls
- Speakers

Filter by tracks

Search session name, location, or speaker name...

Displaying agenda in your local time zone (1:05 PM) [Switch to the event's time zone](#)

Full Agenda My Agenda

< Wed Mar 24 Thu Mar 25

10:00 AM

Networking

Morning Coffee

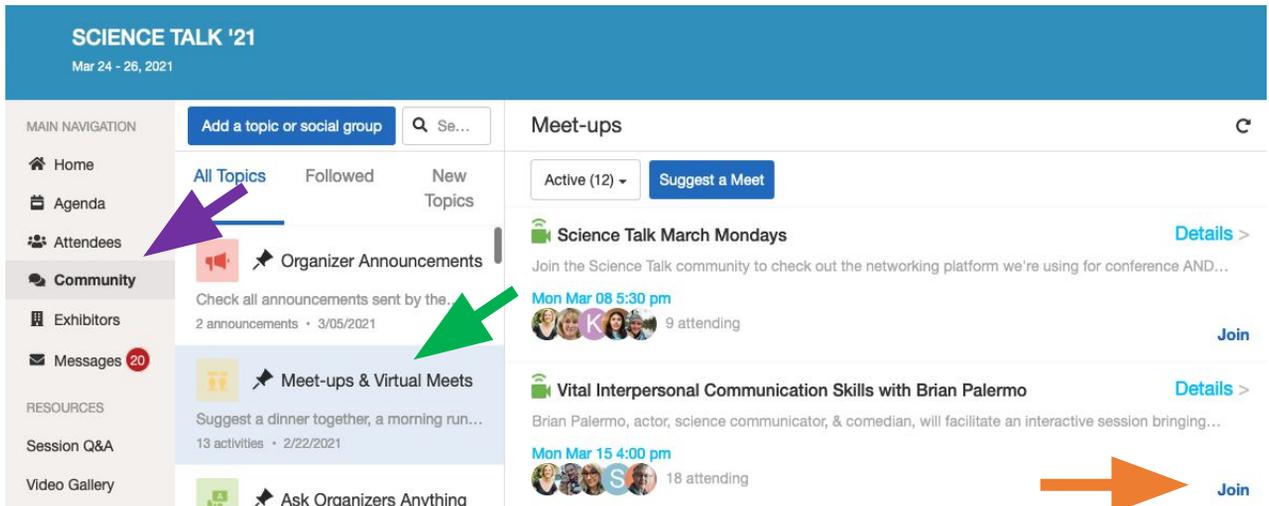
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Airmeet: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/c8358040-6d9b-11eb-a1a9-75de3f246728>

View Session Add to My Agenda

I signed up for a pre-conference workshop. How do I access it?

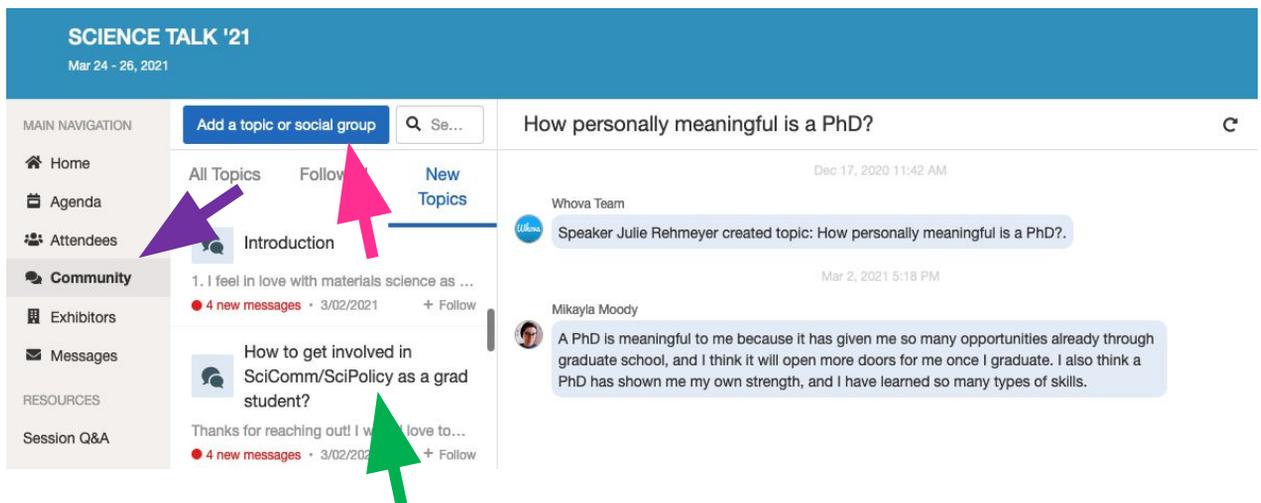
There are two pre-conference workshops. March 15th is Interpersonal Communication Skills with Brian Palermo, and March 22nd is #SciPolComm with Ben Young-Landis and Gabby Nepomuceno. Access those workshops through the **Community** tab on the left, then click “**Meet-ups and Virtual Meets**” from the center column and select the **event** you want from the right-hand column.



The screenshot shows the Science Talk '21 website interface. The main navigation menu on the left includes Home, Agenda, Attendees, **Community**, Exhibitors, Messages (20), Session Q&A, and Video Gallery. The Community section is expanded, showing options for All Topics, Followed, and New Topics. A purple arrow points to the 'Community' tab, and a green arrow points to the 'Meet-ups & Virtual Meets' section. The main content area displays a list of meet-ups, including 'Science Talk March Mondays' and 'Vital Interpersonal Communication Skills with Brian Palermo'. An orange arrow points to the 'Join' button for the second meet-up.

I want to engage with other attendees! How do I share messages?

Post to the **Community**! To create a new topic thread, click “**Add a topic or social group**”. To respond to a topic already under discussion, select that **topic**, then type your message.



The screenshot shows the Science Talk '21 website interface with a topic thread. The main navigation menu on the left is the same as in the previous screenshot. The Community section is expanded, showing options for All Topics, Followed, and New Topics. A purple arrow points to the 'Community' tab, and a pink arrow points to the 'Add a topic or social group' button. The main content area displays a topic thread titled 'How personally meaningful is a PhD?'. A message from Mikayla Moody is visible, stating: 'A PhD is meaningful to me because it has given me so many opportunities already through graduate school, and I think it will open more doors for me once I graduate. I also think a PhD has shown me my own strength, and I have learned so many types of skills.' A green arrow points to the 'Introduction' section of the topic thread.

I'm watching a talk. How do I participate?

Whoava uses Zoom on the back end to run the video conferencing service. You don't need to do anything to access Zoom – it's embedded in the Whoava platform. Most of us are pretty used to Zoom so the controls will look familiar. Keynotes, short talks, and panels will use the webinar mode – only speakers, moderators, and panelists will have microphone and video access. All participants can use the chat feature. If you wish to ignore the chat, just click the “x” (close) button to remove the chat from your view. To ask a question, please use the Q&A feature. You can also up-vote questions from other participants.

Many of the workshops will use the traditional Zoom meeting mode, including breakout rooms. Your workshop moderator will provide more information specific to their workshop.

Zoom now offers a closed captioning feature. To activate this feature, click the “live transcript” button at the bottom of the screen in your tool bar.

Information overload! How do I contact someone from Science Talk for help?

Hang in there! There are plenty of ways to reach us.

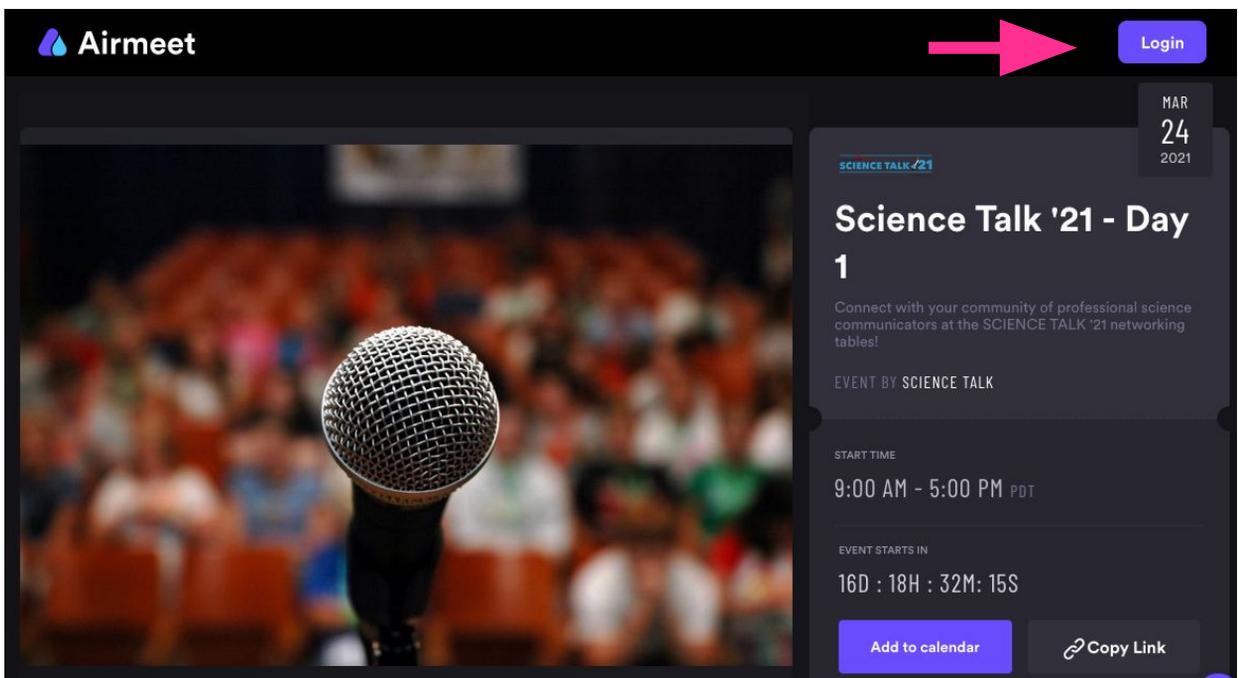
1. If you're on Twitter, tweet your question using #SciTalk21. We will monitor the hashtag and respond to questions quickly.
2. If you made it to the Whoava page and are logged in, go to **Community**, **Ask Organizers Anything**, and type your message into the **chat**.
3. If you are viewing a conference session (talk, panel discussion, workshop) you can also type your question into the session chat. We have volunteers assigned to each session.
4. Email info@sciencetalk.org.
5. From Airmeet, visit the Information Booth (Table 1) to find a volunteer.

The screenshot displays the 'SCIENCE TALK '21' website interface for the dates Mar 24 - 26, 2021. On the left is a 'MAIN NAVIGATION' sidebar with options: Home, Agenda, Attendees, Community (highlighted with a purple arrow), Exhibitors, Messages (20), RESOURCES, Session Q&A, Video Gallery, Documents, Polls, Speakers, Surveys, and Twitter. The main content area is titled 'Ask Organizers Anything' and features a search bar and filters for 'All Topics', 'Followed', and 'New Topics'. A list of topics is shown, including 'Organizer Announcements' (2 announcements, 3/05/2021), 'Meet-ups & Virtual Meets' (13 activities, 2/22/2021), 'Ask Organizers Anything' (1 question, 10/28/2020, highlighted with a green arrow), and 'Your best audience engagement tips' (1 message, 3/05/2021). A large orange arrow points from the 'Ask Organizers Anything' topic to a detailed view of the same topic. This view includes a cartoon illustration of a man with glasses and a red tie pointing upwards, with a speech bubble that says 'Don't ask Google Ask the organizers!'. Below the illustration, it asks 'Have any question for the organizer? Ask here.' At the bottom of this view is a text input field labeled 'Type a message...' and a 'Send' button.

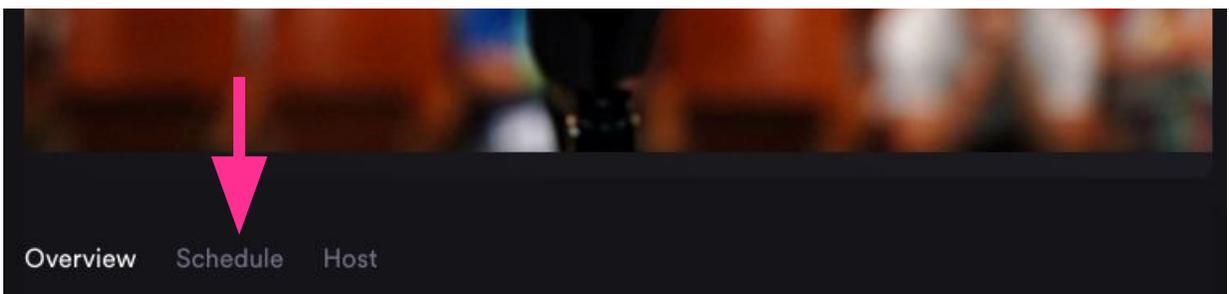
What is Airmmeet? Do I need to use it?

Airmmeet is the conference networking platform. Use this platform to access March Monday pre-conference networking events, morning coffee sessions (time to meet and mingle), the Poster & Art session, networking sessions, and the #SciCommMake Showcase. You access these sessions through the main conference platform, just like the picture above ([Community](#), [Meets-Ups and Virtual Meets](#), [Join](#)). In this case, clicking “join meeting room” will then open a new browser window and take you to Airmmeet.

You will also need to [login](#) and create a profile in Airmmeet. We realize this is inconvenient, since you are now logged into two different platforms. We selected Whova because it offers nice features for running the main conference sessions. However, Whova isn't as good for informal interaction. That's where Airmmeet comes in.

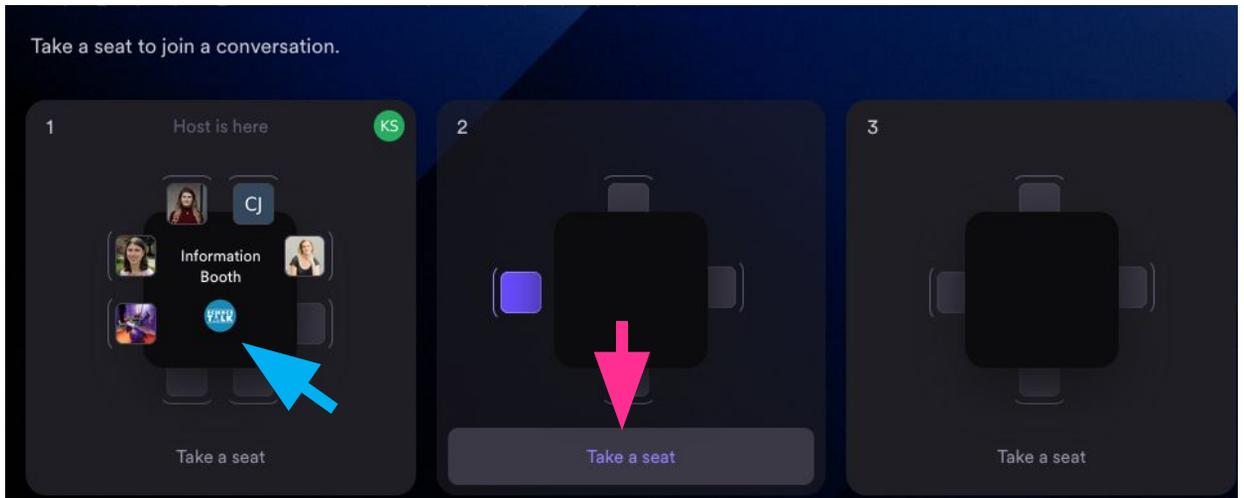


Once you log into Airmmeet, either click [Schedule](#), or just scroll down to see the events for that day. Then click to join.

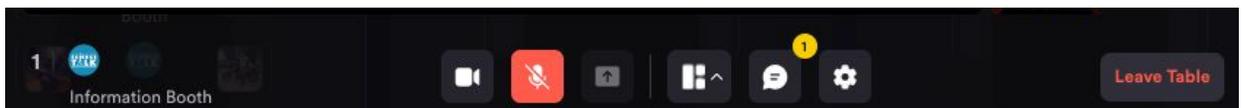


How do I navigate Airmmeet and talk to people?

Once you log into Airmmeet, you'll see a 2D map of a virtual room. Click the **"Take a Seat"** button to join a table – then you can talk with the others at that table. Some of the tables will have specific designations like the **Information Booth**. For the poster and art session, each presenter will have their own table. Airmmeet allows up to 8 people per table.



Once you "take a seat", the controls look similar to Zoom or other video conferencing platforms. The buttons at the bottom of the video feed allow you to turn your microphone and camera on or off, share your screen, text chat with others at that table, or leave that table, allowing you move to another table.



On the left side of the Airmmeet screen you will also see the session schedule for all Airmmeet sessions, list of attendees currently logged on to Airmmeet, and features that allow you to chat with either all attendees (live chat) or direct chat with individual conference participants.

