AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 FAQs

General Information

What is the AFROTECH™ Conference?

AFROTECH™ Conference is the largest Black tech conference of the year! Get ready to connect with a global community of 20,000+ Black tech innovators during a series of digital and in-person events filled with dynamic programming on emerging trends, networking opportunities with industry leaders and conversations with top tech recruiters.

AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 will take place Wednesday, November 13 through Saturday, November 16, 2024

When and where will the AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 take place?

AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 will be in Houston, TX for 2024! Programming and Event locations will be released in Spring 2024.

When will the full schedule and speakers be released?

We will begin the rollout of the event schedule and speaker lineup Summer 2024. Full schedule will be available by September 2024.

What are the AFROTECH™ social handles?

- Instagram @afro.tech
- Instagram @afrotech.conference
- <u>Twitter @AFROTECH</u>
- <u>Facebook @BlavityAFROTECH</u>
- Discord Channel

What is the official conference hashtag? #AFROTECH24

Do I have to be 18+ to attend the AFROTECH™ Conference 2024?

Yes, you must be 18 or older to attend the AFROTECH™ Conference. No exceptions.

What is Talent Infusion and how do I submit my resumé?

Attendees can create their professional profile and upload their resumé to the AFROTECH™ network after successfully registering for the conference. Talent Infusion powered by AFROTECH™ connects you with networking and career opportunities at top companies across industries. Click here to submit.

What is the AFROTECH™ Conference Student Scholarship?

We invite students from all over the world to apply for our AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 Scholarship. Attending this in-person conference will be a one-of-a-kind experience and opportunity in your academic career.

AFROTECH™ Student Scholarship will open for submissions in summer 2024.

How can I get my AFROTECH™ Conference ticket sponsored?

Many companies sponsor tickets for employees to attend AFROTECH™ Conference as a learning or networking opportunity. Kick start the conversation with your employer by using this <u>cover letter</u> as a template to explain why they should invest in your professional growth.

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Ticket Information

How can I register and get a ticket?

You can purchase your AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 ticket by going to this link.

What is NOT included in the ticket?

Hotel, airfare, ground transportation, off-site events, meals, and parking are NOT included.

How will I know that I am registered?

All registered attendees will receive a confirmation by email (please check your junk/spam folder). The confirmation email is your receipt and verifies the event(s) and/or additional fee sessions you have signed up for and how much you have paid.

If you have questions regarding your registration, please contact <u>afrotechreg@streampoint.com</u>.

How do I get a refund for the AFROTECH™ Conference?

AFROTECH™ Conference tickets are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. There are no refunds extended for payments collected for AFROTECH™ Conference.

For questions on refunds, contact afrotechreg@streampoint.com.

Are there any military or non-profit discounts available?

We currently do not offer discounts specifically for military or non-profits.

Is there a group discount?

Group rates are available for the purchase of 10+ tickets. To purchase group rate tickets, please contact afrotechreg@streampoint.com.

If I am unsuccessful in applying a promo code during my purchase, can I be refunded the difference later?

All promo codes must be applied at the time of purchase. We cannot process refunds for unsuccessful promo code usage. If you are experiencing difficulties using your promo code, please contact <u>afrotechreg@streampoint.com</u>. for assistance before making any payments.

Are attendee badge substitutions allowed?

AFROTECH™ Conference tickets are **NON-REFUNDABLE**, however, they are transferable until October 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM ET. Refunds will not be provided for "no-shows". Please email afrotechreg@blavity.com if you need assistance with ticket transfers.

Please note: If the ticket has already been used, a substitution will not be approved.

Sharing of badges is not permitted.

Travel Information

How can I book a Hotel?

Book hotel directly through our housing partner, Resiada, HERE - https://book.resiada.com/AfrotechConference/Attendee

AFROTECH™ has designated Resiada as its ONLY official housing provider. Reserve your hotel room through Resiada and receive specially negotiated rates for AFROTECH™ attendees. Rates and reservations for AFROTECH™ are only guaranteed when booked through Resiada. While other companies may contact you about hotel reservations, they are not endorsed by AFROTECH™ in any capacity. For your protection, please exercise caution when making hotel arrangements. Hotel resellers or housing scammers frequently pose as official vendors and this may put you at risk. Please be sure you are booking hotel reservations directly through AFROTECH™ and Resiada.

Which airport should I fly into?

AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 will be approximately 10 miles from William P. Hobby (HOU) Airport and approximately twenty miles from George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Airport. For more information on the Houston Airport System please visit www.fly2houston.com.

How far is the airport from downtown Houston?

AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 will be approximately 10 miles from William P. Hobby (HOU) Airport and approximately 20 miles from George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Airport.

What are the transportation options from the airport to AFROTECH™ Conference 2024?

Please visit the <u>Parking, Maps & Directions</u> page. There you will find printable & interactive tools to help you get here.

Participation

How can my brand or business be a sponsor at AFROTECH™ Conference? Please visit our Partnerships page for more information on partnering with AFROTECH™ Conference.

How do I apply to be a speaker?

The AfroTech Conference 2024 Speaker Application is Now CLOSED! Any entry submitted after April 5th will be considered for future Blavity Events.

If you would like to be considered for future events, complete this form

Are there any volunteer opportunities at the conference?

There are no volunteer opportunities available for AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 at this time.

How do I apply to participate in the pitch competition?

We will not be launching the pitch competition for AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 at this time.

General Attendee Photo & Video Policy

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- Personal digital cameras and cell phones (excluding SLR/DSLRs) are allowed at AFROTECH Conference for the purpose of capturing personal (non-commercial) content.
- Attendees may take photos and shoot video from their seats, as long as they are not standing in the press area, obstructing views, using any sort of device like a tripod or selfie-stick, or using a flash after the session begins.
- Live streaming of any kind is not permitted.
- Not complying with a request to move or stop capturing content could result in your removal.
- Professional photography and videography is only permitted with approved press credentials and camera tags. For approval, please submit the AFROTECH Media Credential Form.

Media Policy

 Thank you for your interest in sharing AFROTECH™ Conference 2024 in your news coverage. Professional photography and videography is allowed in specific areas of the conference with proper credentials and a camera tag provided by AFROTECH™. By submitting to become accredited you agree to respect the rules and regulations set forth in this policy.

Accredited Press & Camera Tags:

- Only AFROTECH approved and accredited press are eligible to receive press credentials and camera tags.
- The camera tag must be affixed to your camera AT ALL TIMES.
- Under no circumstances are tripods, lights and elaborate set ups permitted in George R. Brown Convention Center hallways
- Media attendees are not permitted to take photos or shoot video where it is unsafe or disruptive such as in doorways, fire exits, expo floor aisles, hallways, sidewalks, etc.

- Not complying with a request to move or stop capturing content could result in your removal.
- Press credentials and photographer/videographer camera tags are issued at the discretion of AFROTECH and can be revoked at any time.

Photography

- Professional photography is allowed on the Expo floor, in public spaces and in Conference sessions with proper credentials and a camera tag provided by AFROTECH.
- Professional photography is allowed at the music stage with prior approval.
- Conference flash photography is allowed during conference sessions for the first 3 minutes of each session.
- Music Stage flash photography is allowed for the first three (3) minutes of each performance, and only if the artist allows. Each artist has different flash photography rules.
- No photography may impede the ingress or egress of a room.
- The camera tag must be affixed to your camera AT ALL TIMES.

Talent Interviews (Speakers and Music Artists)

All interviews must be pre-scheduled prior to conference, do not approach speakers during the conference.

Restricted Activities

- Your AFROTECH press credentials and camera tag will NOT allow you to audio or video stream, broadcast or otherwise transmit, retransmit or copy in any form any AFROTECH artist performance or conference programming longer than: 45 continuous seconds.
- Professional videography of the Music Stage is prohibited

Social Media Requirements

All social post should include AFROTECH™ official hashtags

#AFROTECH24

Post-event Requirements

Please send all coverage to press@blavityinc.com