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FAQ for digiHPAC

General FAQ for the Harry Potter Academic Conference (HPAC) is [available online](#).
This document answers questions specific to our online-only conference years.

What is digiHPAC?

digiHPAC is our name for the online-only Harry Potter Academic Conferences, which occur in odd-numbered years. digiHPAC is held via Zoom Webinars, and registration is \$15 USD plus processing fees (total cost is around \$18). Attendees may freely move between the conference's Zoom hub, Griffin Room, and Raven Room. The hub is a great place to connect with other attendees. Each presentation room has a Q&A box for submitting questions for speakers, and the chat is a great place for informal feedback and conversation between attendees and speakers. Even-numbered years are in-person only at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA, USA.

I'm an international presenter. What do I need to know?

Please refer to the International Presenter FAQ document, available on [the FAQ page](#).

What are the requirements for digiHPAC presentations?

digiHPAC presenters may present live over Zoom or via a pre-recorded presentation, with a live Q&A period. However, ALL digiHPAC presenters MUST submit a pre-recorded version of their presentation to the conference, even if planning to present live. This allows papers to be heard even if there are connectivity issues, time zone mistakes, or other nargles. The Board will share the file-sharing link in the month before the conference. Those failing to submit their presentation by the deadline will be removed from the program. digiHPAC presenters are encouraged to set up in a space with a strong Internet connection to facilitate an interruption-free presentation and/or Q&A. [HPAC has some pre-recording tips to help online presenters create a reliable recording](#). All speakers must register for the conference.

What can I expect from the conference?

Whether at Chestnut Hill or online, the conference takes place over a Friday and Saturday in mid-October. Programming usually goes all day both days (about 9 AM to 5 PM Eastern Time), with a midday break. Two sessions run concurrently, except for special or invited sessions and the plenary speaker.

Presentations vary widely based on the speaker. Topics range from close textual analyses to autoethnographic research on the consumer parts of the franchise to applications of the *Potter* series to current events. HPAC holds the spirit of Dumbledore's Army: we welcome presentations on social justice and equity.