

We look forward to you joining us for the 2022 Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL 2022) that will be held at the Sir Owen G Glenn building (OGG – building 260) and the new Engineering building (ENG – building 405) of the University of Auckland. Please find below some important participation information.

Conference Program and Floor Plans

You can find the detailed CoRL 2022 conference program here, the program of the oral sessions here, the list and links of workshops here, and locations of demonstrations here. The conference program also includes information on the social events and post-conference suggestions.

Conference Venues and Floor Plans

<u>Sir Owen G Glenn Building (OGG)</u>, <u>Building 260</u>, <u>12 Grafton Road</u>, <u>Auckland CBD 1010</u> OGG will be used for the main conference program (oral sessions, in-person poster sessions, keynotes, tutorials, and industry talks) as well as for 7 workshops and 2 demonstrations.

New Engineering Building (ENG), Building 405, 5 Grafton Road, Auckland CBD 1010 ENG will host 4 workshops on December 15 and 7 Demonstrations on December 15-18. More details can be found for the workshops here, and for the demonstrations here.

You can find the detailed floorplans <u>here</u>, more information about the venues <u>here</u>, and the city campus map of the University of Auckland <u>here (in PDF format)</u> and <u>here (interactive online map)</u>.

Presentation Guidelines

Guidelines for in-person oral presentations, in-person poster presentations, and online poster presentations are available online here.

Pheedloop / Virtual Access

Please complete your profile and familiarize yourself with the platform. The Pheedloop platform can be found here. CoRL 2022 also has a dedicated app for iOS and Android devices. More information can be found here.

Oral Sessions, Keynotes, Tutorials, Industry Talks, and Opening and Closing / Awards Sessions

All oral sessions, keynotes, tutorials, industry talks, and opening and closing / award sessions will take place in the Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium - FPAA (largest auditorium of the venue with 569 people capacity). Lecture theatre 098 of OGG (underneath FPAA) will be used as an overflow room.

Poster Sessions (In-Person and Online)

In-Person: Most poster presentations have been scheduled to take place in-person in one of the poster areas or rooms of level 0 of OGG. In particular, the poster areas are: i) the Poster Lobby that has 13 TV monitors (65"), ii) poster area 041 that has 6 TV monitors (65"), iii) the videos / poster room 036 with 6 TV monitors (65"), and finally iv) rooms 040 and 040B-C with 5 and 6 TV monitors respectively (65" or larger).

If you are presenting in one of the in-person poster sessions, please arrive at least 5 minutes early to connect your laptop to the TV monitor and prepare your presentation. Please check the <u>presentation instructions</u> for more details and the <u>floor plans</u> for the location of the different poster areas and rooms. <u>Please note that in-person poster presentations will not be livestreamed on Pheedloop</u>.

Online: We have scheduled two online poster sessions that will take place through Zoom meetings using several breakout rooms (as many as the posters presented).

If you are presenting in one of the online poster sessions, you will have to join the corresponding zoom meeting at least 5 minutes early to find your breakout room, share your screen, and be ready for the other attendees that will join your breakout room to discuss with you your work.

Workshops

4 workshops will be held at the new Engineering building (ENG) and 7 at the Owen G. Glen building (OGG). You can find the list of workshops and the locations here. The in-person poster sessions for these workshops will take place at the following areas:

- poster area of the Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium for the workshops of OGG (level 1 of OGG). We have 30+ poster boards there that can accommodate all OGG workshops. The workshops will be using the area at different times (according to the provided schedules please check the workshop websites for more details) so it will never get crowded.
- poster area of level 4 of the new Engineering building for the workshops of ENG. We have 15+ poster boards there that can accommodate all ENG workshops. The workshops will be using the area at different times (according to the provided schedules – please check the workshop websites for more details) so it will never get crowded.

Demonstrations

You can find the list of demonstrations, their locations, and their schedule here. Pheedloop contains a lot of information about the demonstrations, including videos. Please note that we will not provide official livestreaming of the demonstrations.

Puzzle Hunt

This year at CoRL, for the first time in CoRL history, the Student Engagement Chairs are pleased to present a conference-wide **Puzzle Hunt**! The hunt is open to **all** in-person attendees (students or otherwise), excluding the organizing committee, and is a fun and easy* way to engage with the conference and your fellow roboticists. (*Don't worry, it won't be too difficult or time-consuming as we don't want to detract from the rest of the conference experience!) It will take place December 16-18 at the conference venue, and it consists of original puzzles involving the conference program and in-person sessions. The top 3 teams will win **750 NZD in prizes** and will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. See this document for more details, and join this Slack workspace to enter the hunt. Happy hunting! If you have any questions, send them in the Slack workspace or email the organizers: {ashwin balakrishna, ryanhoque, bthananjeyan}@berkeley.edu

Telepresence

Three telepresence robots of OHMNI LABS will be available for online attendees of CoRL 2022 to explore the venues and the labs and interact with in-person attendees. You can find more details about how to book, connect to, and operate the robots here. You can book the robots through: Wednesday, Dec 15 - Lab Tours

https://doodle.com/bp/genggao3/lab-tours—telepresence-robot-1

https://doodle.com/bp/genggao4/lab-tours—telepresence-robot-2

https://doodle.com/bp/genggao5/lab-tours—telepresence-robot-3

Thursday – Sunday, Dec 15-18 - Main Program

https://doodle.com/bp/genggao2/corl-2022-telepresence-robot-booking-1

https://doodle.com/bp/genggao6/corl-2022-telepresence-robot-booking-2

https://doodle.com/bp/genggao7/corl-2022-telepresence-robot-booking-3

Getting to the Venue

Sir Owen G. Glenn Building is located close to several major public transport routes. For more information, please click <u>here</u>. The ride-shares companies Uber, Zoomy, and Ola are also available in Auckland - download their apps via the Apple Store or Google Play. If you plan to take a taxi, there are several companies to choose from, including <u>Blue Bubble Taxis</u>, <u>Discount Taxis</u>, and <u>Green Cabs</u>.

Auckland also has ride-share e-scooters available like Beam, Lime, and Jump. If you would like to use one of these, download their apps via the Apple Store or Google Play to unlock. Instructions on how to get there from the airport can be found here.

Parking

Pay parking is available at the Sir Owen G. Glenn building and accessible from Grafton Rd. Daily standard parking at the Sir Owen G. Glenn Building is \$5 per hour to a max day rate of \$25 from 6:30am - 5pm. After 5pm, parking is a \$6 flat rate (a credit card transaction fee of 1.9% applies). For more information, please click here. There are also Wilson-parking-options available.

On First Arrival

Please check in and pick up your name tag at the registration desk, located at Level 1 of Sir Owen G Glenn Building (OGG-building 260, 101 Foyer), City Campus from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm on December 14-15, 2022.

Food

Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea will be provided for each day of the conference. You can find the complete conference menu here.

If you have previously identified a dietary requirement, our caterers will do their best to cater for your specific requirements and to identify ingredients. Please signal to the catering staff for more information. All dietary food items will be served in the break area on Level 1 foyer.

Your registration name badge will contain information on the floor level in which you have been allocated for breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks (either level 0 or level 1).

Housekeeping

Please note that only those registered will be admitted. Use of laptops will be discouraged and only allowed in the last row of the lecture theatres. If you need an exemption for a medical or disability reason, please contact info@corl2022.org. Please read our detailed Code of Conduct here.

Conference WiFi

Conference WiFi is available for the duration of CoRL 2022, please use the details below to log in:

Select the wireless network: UoA-Guest-WiFi Enter the username: cor/2022@uoawifi.com

Enter the password: yAHgYj2T

Select the wireless network: UoA-Guest-WiFi

Enter the username: eventservices event@uoawifi.com

Enter the password: ByrJtF3h

Things to Do in Auckland

We have prepared a comprehensive list of suggestions with things to do in Auckland and New Zealand. The resources provided include city centre attractions, museums, galleries, outdoor activities, national parks, restaurants, eateries, bars, and delicatessens. These lists have been prepared either by the local organizing team or Tourism NZ. You can find more information here.

Weather

You can find the latest weather predictions for the duration of the conference here, here, and here. The average temperature for a typical day in Auckland in December ranges from a high of 70°F (20°C) to a low of 61°F (16°C). The prediction for the days of the conference is 61°F - 72°F (16°C - 22°C). The rain predictions for Auckland are quite often inaccurate but our recommendation is to have with you an umbrella.

Welcome Reception

Auckland Museum, 15 December 2022, 6:30-11:00pm

- Free transport pick-up / drop off point at the General Library Bus Stop on Alfred Street.
- Transport will be departing from Auckland Museum back to Alfred Street from 9:30 pm to 11:00 pm.

Conference Dinner

MOTAT Aviation Hall, 16 December 2022, 6:30pm-11:00pm

- Free transport pick-up / drop off point at the General Library Bus Stop on Alfred Street.
- Transport will be departing from the MOTAT Aviation Hall back to Alfred Street from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm

