What to Expect at iFEST 2021

A year of dramatic shifts in online education and training have made iFEST 2021 a must-participate conference for the distributed learning community. iFEST brings together senior officials and innovators from military, government, industry, and academia for this three-day online conference to discuss new solutions for the new normal. Attendees can expect deep-dive discussions, live and on-demand presentations, posters, tutorials, and activities.

Day one will end with a live-streaming of the popular War on the Rocks podcast. In this session, a panel of senior leaders will discuss the challenges, implications, and promise of modernizing learning and development in the DoD and beyond.
Join us online for presentations, tutorials, posters, and activities to discuss the following lines of effort and annual timely topic.

- **Learning Technology** – Digital learning systems, including new platforms or new ways to use learning platforms.
- **Technology Interoperability** – Interoperability within systems or applications, including specifications, interface and data standards, and technical considerations for implementing a modern continuum of learning.
- **Learning Data** – Data within the context of learning systems to include improved measurement, storage, handling, analysis, visualization, and use.
- **Digital Learning Science** – Effective application of learning science, particularly for technology-enabled learning and learning ecosystem contexts.
- **Policy** – Policy, process, and governance considerations relevant for the distributed learning community.
- **Annual Timely Topic – Learning and Thriving in the New Normal** – The pandemic required organizations to pivot online from in-person workplaces, classes, and events. What lessons have been learned to adapt to this “New Normal”? How are organizations building and improving on past practices to create new and better ways of doing things?

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