NOFA-VT's Winter Conference 2023 Zoom Tips for Participants





Zoom platform: Our online sessions will use the meeting platform, Zoom. If you don't have Zoom already downloaded, you'll need to download the free Zoom app ahead of time here: <u>https://zoom.us/download</u>

Your device: If possible, we encourage you to connect to Zoom using a desktop, laptop, or tablet with a webcam (built-in or external) and microphone. You may also join the workshop by calling in on a phone, but you will not be able to see the presenter and other meeting attendees. Many presenters will be sharing slides, videos, photos, or other visuals.

Connection: If you are joining by computer, please make sure you have a stable WiFi connection or Ethernet cable and ensure your device is fully charged.

Browser: Please make sure your web browser (e.g., Chrome, Safari) is updated for the best experience on Zoom.

Joining the meeting: When you click the Zoom link, you will be placed in a virtual waiting room—don't panic! The host will admit participants starting 5 minutes prior to the workshop, so please just wait patiently.

Zoom features: If you are not familiar with Zoom feel free to practice in advance, making sure you know how to do certain things. Here are some helpful explanations and articles to <u>rename</u> <u>yourself</u>, <u>mute and unmute</u>, <u>post a comment in the chat</u>, <u>use gallery view</u>, or <u>turn on closed</u> <u>captioning</u>.

Interruptions: In the case that a session is interrupted or the Zoom link is compromised during a session, please check your email for a new Zoom link to rejoin the session.