About UGIM

The symposium brings together operators, mangers, administrators of facilities involved in micro/nanotechnology fabrication and characterization university lab management around the world; it provides a forum for exchanging information and presenting new lab operations and educational concepts. Representatives of shared facilities, ranging from new labs to nationally and internationally recognized entities, have found this symposium an excellent forum for exchanging information and networking. Typical topics include industry/university interactions, new equipment trends, best practices, collaborative research, and training efforts.

Event Sponsorship Levels

The UGIM conference consists of three pillars:
- Talks to exchange ideas
- Tours to see operation of the host site (MIT.nano in 2024)
- Vendor booths and event sponsorship

Vendor booths at UGIM are an integral part of the conference, as lab managers, staff, and decision makers are able to learn about new tools and opportunities for expanding their lab capabilities. Sponsorship (provided by vendor contributions) enables us to integrate social activities (dinner events) and extensive breaks (e.g., 40 mins for refreshment breaks; 100 minutes for lunch) to provide time for participants to engage with vendors.

The vendor-exhibit space also will have a monitor wall with a live-stream of the conference: to allow vendors to follow the program as well as participants to more easily allocate their time between talks of interest and discussions with vendors.

Our goal is to enable focused discussions with vendors and maximize exposure to different technologies. The vendor space will be immediately outside the lecture room. However, to avoid crowding and allow fruitful discussions, we will limit the number of vendors on each day to 25 tables. Therefore, our sponsorship levels offer a choice for either Monday or Tuesday full day (or both via add-ons) as well as Wednesday morning (until the conclusion of the conference at approximately noon). Setup of tables is available the night before.

Virtual Sponsor   *$1000*
- Logo on event website, program, and displayed at event
- Virtual sponsor level recognition in the conference booklet
- 1-page vendor showcase in the program booklet
- Does not include a booth or conference registration

Silver Sponsor   *$2000*
- Logo on event website, program, and displayed at event
- Silver sponsor level recognition in the conference booklet
- 1-page vendor showcase in the program booklet
- Includes one conference registration (excludes the dinner events, to be added separately)
- Space with one 6' table will be provided on **Wednesday** (8am-noon)

Gold Sponsor   *$3000*
- Logo on event website, program, and displayed at event
- Gold sponsor level recognition in the conference booklet
- 1-page vendor showcase in the program booklet
- Includes one conference registration (excludes the dinner events, to be added separately)
- Space with one 6' table will be provided **either Monday** (all day) **or Tuesday** (all day)

Platinum Sponsor   *$5000*
- Logo on event website, program, and displayed at event
- Platinum sponsor level recognition in the conference booklet
- **2-page** vendor showcase in the program booklet
- Includes one conference registration (excludes the dinner events, to be added separately)
- Space with one 6' table will be provided either: **Monday** (all day) **+ Wednesday** (8am-noon)
  or **Tuesday** (all day) **+ Wednesday** (8am-noon)
- **Includes a vendor discussion table at the MIT Museum dinner** (detailed below)
- (Vendor has to register for MIT Museum event to attend the dinner)

A-La-Carte Add-ons for Gold or Platinum Sponsors

- Add a 6' table on Monday (all day) $2000
- Add a 6' table on Tuesday (all day) $2000
- Add a 6' table on Wednesday (all day) $1000
- Vendor discussion table at the MIT Museum dinner $1500
- Sponsorship for Sunday program (see section below) $2000

Vendors with subsidiaries are welcome to share the table or multiplex their showings across different days.

Vendors with equipment in MIT.nano may find it of interest to also sponsor a table on Sunday (during tours), in addition to sponsorship of the main conference.

Special sponsorship opportunities

- Please contact us for discussion and planning
- Let us know if specific opportunities are preferred (e.g. sponsoring breakfast/lunch/dinner, refreshments, etc.)
- Let us know a desired budget range

Program Booklet

The printed program booklet contains:
1. Sponsor logos
2. Maps of venues & vendor booths
3. Conference program and abstracts

Vendor showcase (full page for vendors to provide an overview/details on their business/tools/etc)

Social Activities / Evening Events; Vendor discussion tables

As with past UGIM conferences, UGIM 2024 will host a welcome reception & sit-down dinner on Monday, as well as a less formal dinner on Tuesday. Monday's event will take place at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) Boston. Tuesday's event will be at the MIT Museum, a short 5-minute walk from our conference venue. Attendees can roam the entire museum where food stations will be distributed throughout. An event space that is part of the main exhibit floor will host the bar – as well as a select number of "vendor discussion tables" – allowing us to also recognize the Platinum sponsors more prominently.

The vendor discussion tables are meant to provide an opportunity for attendees to connect with select vendors in a more social setting and continue discussions that may have started during the conference. Tables are allocated to specific vendors with labels/signage.

The MIT Museum dinner itself is standing/walking compatible. However, attendees can rest and sit at various locations throughout the museum. The event space with the vendor discussion tables will naturally draw traffic due to the proximity of the bar and its location on the main exhibit floor.

Registration Fees

Conference & Dinner

Academic/Govt Lab $350   ($600 late registration)
- Includes Sunday & main conference and both event dinners (MFA & MIT Museum)

Industry $700   ($1000 late registration)
- Includes Sunday & main conference and both event dinners (MFA & MIT Museum)

Capacity limits: 300 registrants

Add-on Dinners

Vendors with conference-only attendance can add attendance to the dinner events. Regular conference attendees can add a +1s to their registration.

MFA Dinner +1 $175
- Monday night reception and dinner at the MFA   ($300 late registration)
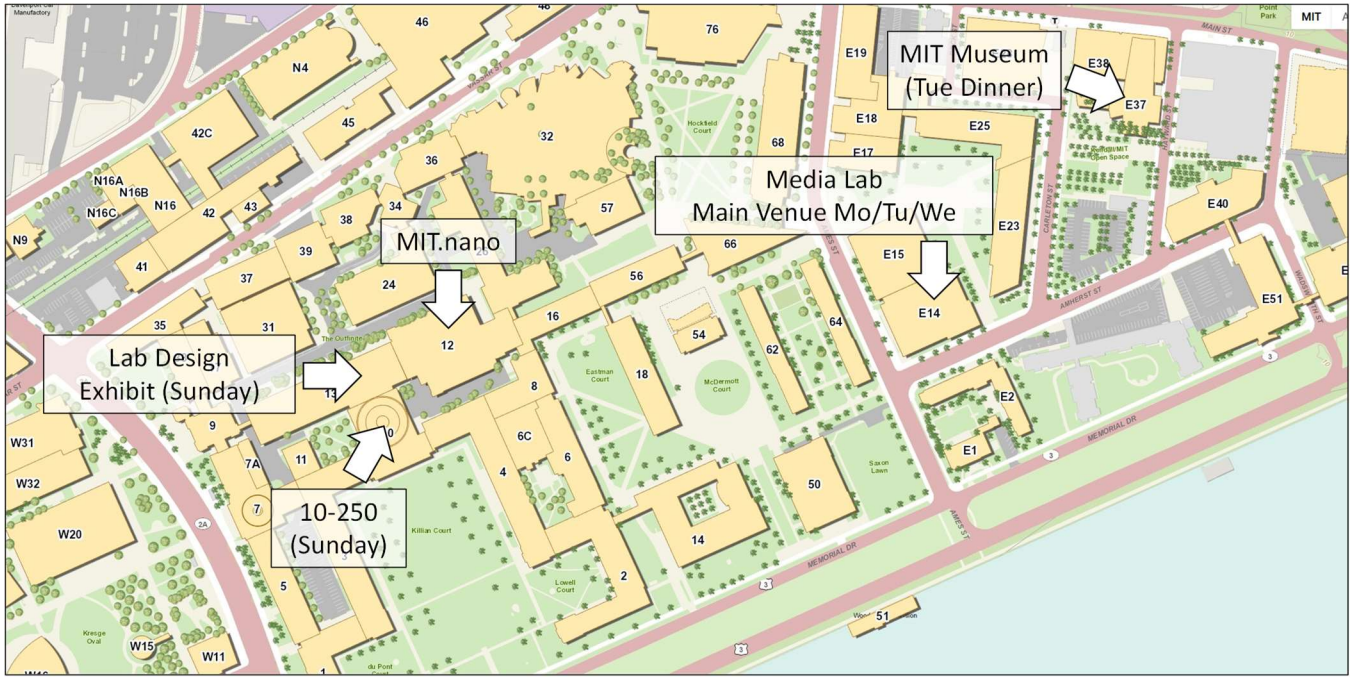
MIT Museum Dinner +1 $150
- Monday night reception and dinner at the MFA   ($250 late registration)

Capacity limits: 150 add-ons per event

Sunday Program

The main program of UGIM focuses on how to run multifaceted shared-facility spaces - but the Sunday session adds to this by looking at how to design & build such facilities. Thus, the Sunday theme will be twofold: How MIT.nano was built, and a series of talks about "tips for building a lab". The Sunday program consists of a series of short talks by experts in the field, each with a very specific focus on how to design/build a particular aspect of a facility. Out guiding theme is "Top 3 things everyone should really know about [xzy system]". In addition, we will offer staff- and self-guided tours of MIT.nano, typically starting every 30 to 60 minutes and covering all areas: Fab, Characterization, Infrastructure, Packaging, Immersion Lab, and the MIT Campus.

Sunday Sponsor $2000

- Logo on event website, program, and displayed at event
- Sponsor recognition in the conference booklet
- 1-page vendor showcase in the program booklet
- Includes one Sunday-only conference registration
- Space with one 6' table will be provided for Sunday (starting 11am until after dinner)
- Additional tables are $1500/each

Main conference sponsors are welcome to also showcase on Sunday, but the event is focused on lab design/construction/systems, and tours of the MIT.nano spaces.

Sunday-Only Registration

Academic/Govt Lab $100   ($200 late registration)
- Includes Sunday conference events only, not the main conference

Industry $250   ($400 late registration)
- Includes Sunday conference events only, not the main conference

Note: Sunday registration is included with the main conference registration. The above is for participants that are only interested in the Sunday program (**"**Tips for building a lab**"**)

Map of Event Spaces (Sunday and Main Conference)

Museum of Fine Arts (in Boston) – Monday Dinner

Maps of Main Conference Event Space (Monday-Wednesday)
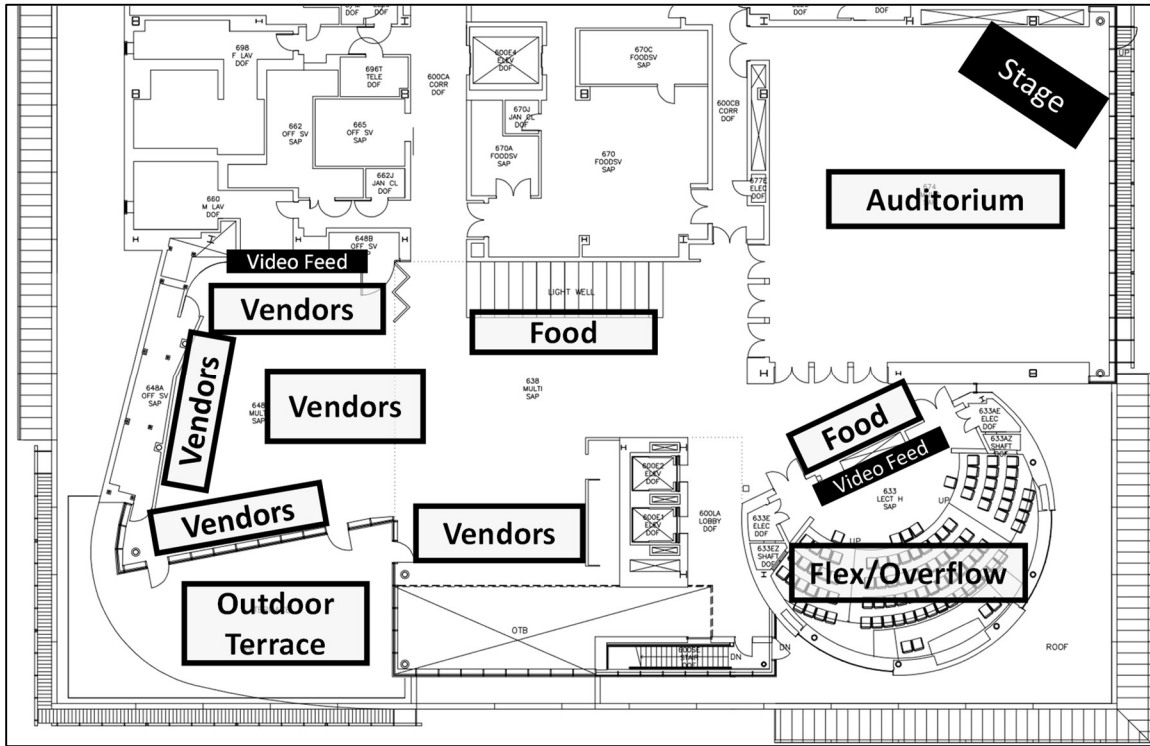
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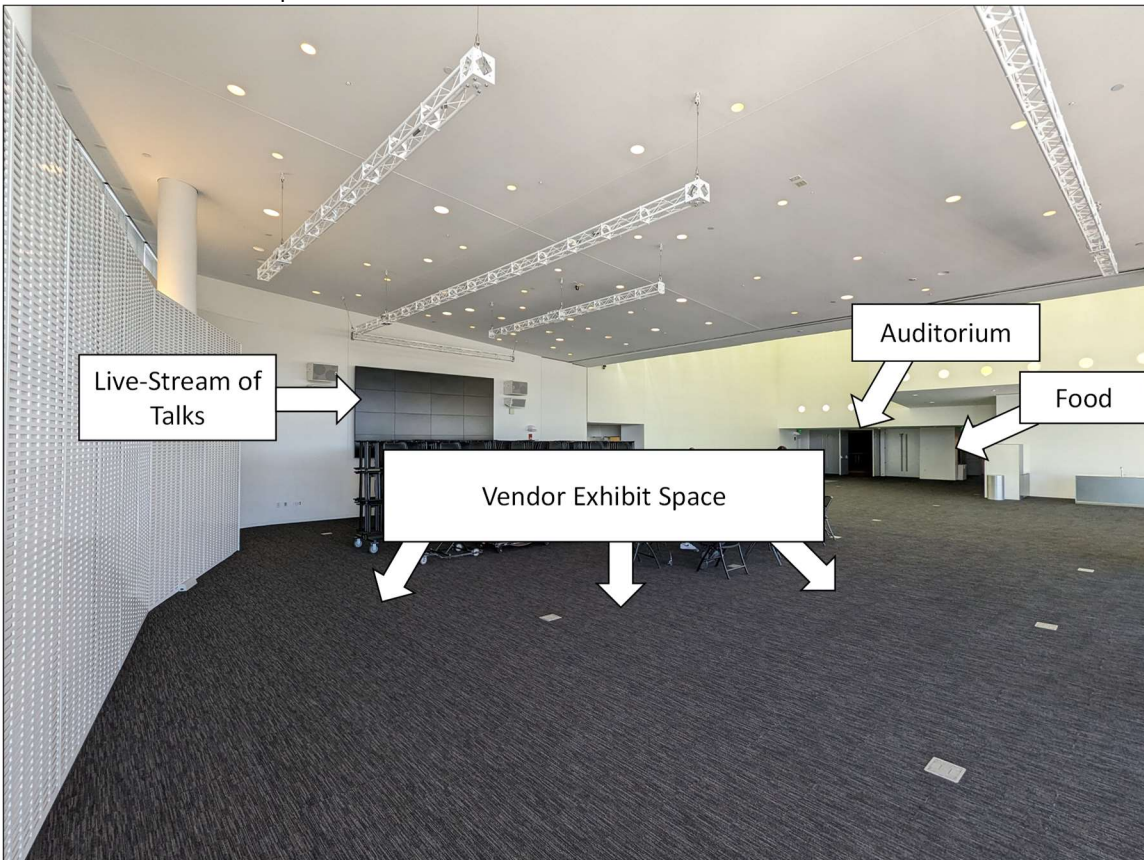

Photo of Vendor Exhibit Space:

Photo of event space, and outdoor Terrace with views of MIT campus, Boston skyline, and river (behind vendor exhibit space):