what is the real cost of an academic conference?

Holding an annual academic conference is ASTR’s main programming initiative each year. But what does producing a conference really cost?

**662**

minimum room nights ASTR must reserve at the hotel

**$60,000**

contracted payment for food and beverage (with taxes/service fees)

**$74,000**

cancellation fee if ASTR chose to hold a 100% virtual conference

ASTR runs a deficit budget for its conference. In order to keep registration fees low, ASTR absorbs the loss in its overall budget. To compare, below are the costs of the San Diego in-person conference vs. the cost of producing a hybrid conference.

### 2021 Conference Registration Fees (in-person conference)

- $110  Student Member
- $130  Independent Scholar
- $135  Contingent
- $175  Retired
- $280  Member earning up to $100K
- $340  Member earning $101 - $175K
- $410  Member earning over $175

### 2021 Conference Registration Fees (if ASTR held a hybrid conference)

- $230  Student Member
- $250  Independent Scholar
- $255  Contingent
- $300  Retired
- $425  Member earning up to $100K
- $495  Member earning $101 - $175K
- $575  Member earning over $175