

Special Issue

STEM Education for Real-World Problem Solving: Innovations in Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Practice

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue explores how STEM education can effectively equip students to engage with real-world challenges through applied knowledge, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. As global and local communities face increasingly complex issues, STEM education plays a crucial role in preparing the next generation of innovators and professionals.

We invite contributions that highlight innovative instructional strategies, course designs, and learning environments that connect STEM content to real-world applications. Submissions may include empirical research, case studies, or practical examples that demonstrate how STEM education fosters skills such as decision-making, adaptability, and creative problem-solving. The goal of this Special Issue is to showcase an approaches that move beyond traditional classroom teaching to engage learners in meaningful, applied experiences.

We welcome perspectives from K–12, higher education, informal learning, and industry partnerships. Submissions should reflect how STEM education aligns with current and emerging global needs, enabling students to apply their learning to solve authentic problems.

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