

## Special Session

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Advancements in Microfluidic Technologies: From Lab-on-a-Chip to Real-World Applications

### Abstract

Microfluidics is a multidisciplinary field focused on the precise manipulation and control of fluids at the microscale, typically involving volumes ranging from microliters to picolitres. By leveraging principles from physics, chemistry, engineering, and biology, microfluidic systems enable the miniaturization of complex laboratory processes into compact, automated devices. These systems often incorporate channels, valves, pumps, and sensors etched or moulded into materials such as polymers, glass, or silicon, allowing for high-throughput analysis with minimal reagent consumption and reduced costs. A key advantage of microfluidics lies in its ability to perform rapid, sensitive, and parallelized operations, making it invaluable in diagnostics, drug development, and environmental monitoring. The technology also supports sustainable practices by reducing waste and energy usage compared to traditional methods. Despite challenges like fabrication complexity and scalability, ongoing advancements in materials science and automation continue to expand its applications. As a cornerstone of modern analytical and biomedical engineering, microfluidics bridges the gap between laboratory research and real-world solutions, driving progress in healthcare, biotechnology, and beyond.

This special session proposal aims to highlight groundbreaking advancements and emerging applications of microfluidics, a field transforming healthcare, environmental monitoring, and biochemical research. By uniting interdisciplinary experts, the session seeks to foster collaboration and inspire innovative solutions to global challenges. Attendees will gain insights into cutting-edge methodologies, network with pioneers, and identify opportunities for interdisciplinary partnerships.