

PRIM&R Call for Session Proposals: Conference and Educational Programming Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I submit a session proposal?

Review the **submission guidelines** above and complete the [online form](#) by **February 6, 2026**, at 11:59 PM ET. Notification of your proposal status will be sent **between March and July of 2026**.

2. Can I submit more than one session proposal?

Yes, you may submit more than one session proposal, but you must submit a form for each proposal.

3. Can I submit a session proposal for a session I saw on the prior year's program or for a session proposal I had accepted last year?

No. Do not submit proposals for sessions that were presented at last year's conference or were part of the past year's educational programming (session proposal or not). Prior year sessions are reviewed to determine which to carry over to the current year.

5. Are there any financial benefits for accepted conference session proposals?

If your proposal is selected for the annual conference, then any person invited to speak will receive a discounted registration to the conference. Proposal authors who attend the conference, but do not speak, are required to register at the full price. Call for Session Proposal sessions are acknowledged on the conference agenda with an icon.

6. When will I know if my session proposal has been accepted?

Notifications will be sent between March and July. If your session is selected to be part of the annual conference, then you will be notified before registration opens (late June/early July).

7. Will the content of my proposed session change if it is accepted?

PRIM&R reserves the right to edit accepted proposals so they're in line with PRIM&R's style, formatting, etc., or modify proposals to help address perspectives/topics not included, but that could benefit the session overall. In addition, PRIM&R often receives multiple proposals on the same topic. In those cases, PRIM&R may ask proposal authors to work together on a single session on the topic, and we may need to refine the number of speakers invited to teach. In those cases, authors are notified in advance.

8. How many speakers can I recommend for a session and will the speakers I recommend be chosen to teach?

Proposals may include up to four speakers (including the author themselves), however, some sessions are only appropriate for two-three people (depending on session format assigned). Authors should expect that not all speakers suggested will be invited to present. PRIM&R and the Planning Committees will make every effort to invite the speakers listed on the proposal, but may ask fewer speakers to participate and/or suggest alternate speakers if proposals do not meet the guidelines above for recommending speakers (this will be discussed with the submitting author first).

9. Can I still submit a session proposal if I don't have suggestions for speakers?

Yes. For sessions that don't have speaker suggestions, the Planning Committees will suggest individuals who can speak.

10. What are reasons why session proposals are not accepted?

- The proposal is incomplete (i.e., does not include enough information for the Planning Committees to accurately assess the proposal).
- The proposal is not well designed or thought-out.
- The proposal is not inclusive of multiple perspectives (ideas and speaker).
- The proposal does not apply to the audience.
- The proposal is similar to a session already in planning by the Planning Committees.

Each year, the Planning Committees consider nearly 200-300 proposals. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions, we're not able to accept all ideas.

11. How do the Planning Committees review Call for Session Proposal ideas?

Session proposals will be reviewed by PRIM&R and the Conference Planning Committees, which is composed of subject matter experts. These committees work to shape each program's agenda by evaluating submitted proposals, considering high-impact sessions from previous years, and identifying new session topics. Due to limited space and a high volume of submissions, not all proposals can be accepted.

While proposals highlighting a single institution's approach can be valuable, we encourage sessions that offer broader relevance and multiple viewpoints. For institution-specific innovations or program outcomes, we recommend submitting to the Poster Presentation Program, which will open its call in early 2026.