

2026 Grantmakers for Education RFP

Session Types

We are offering several types of breakout sessions this year. Please select the type of session you are interested in presenting below and fill out the proposal form to reflect the session type you selected. You can find more details in [the session proposal guide](#).

LEARNING SESSION

A 75-minute session in the form of an interactive workshop, panel session, multimodal presentation, and other dynamic session designs (e.g., World Café). Limited to 3-4 speakers, these sessions allow participants to engage with new material, presenters, and each other to explore and examine critical topics in education and philanthropy.

SPARK SESSION

A 45-minute session in the form of a brief, inspirational presentation by an individual or a two-person talk on a specific topic that aims to share expertise and insights about an innovative idea or concept. These sessions are designed to spark interest and ignite engagement on new and novel topics in education and philanthropy.

DEEP DIVE

A 2-hour session designed to delve into a particular topic through engaging formats. These sessions offer a focused exploration, foster a deep understanding of complexities of the topic, and provide participants with concrete, actionable takeaways. Opportunities to host deep dives are limited.

* Please choose your preferred session type:

- Learning Session
- Spark Session
- Deep Dive

If you would consider an alternate session type, indicate which:

- Learning Session
- Spark Session
- Deep Dive

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Enter Your Submission's Details

* Session Title (90-character limit.)

Please enter your proposed session description below. This description will be the basis of text used in promotional materials, the conference website and the mobile app, so please craft it to attract the audience for your session. Titles and descriptions may be edited for clarity. (600-character limit)

* Proposed Session Description

600 characters remaining

* Select one of the following choices as the primary focus area for your session:

Would you like your session placed in one of the following tracks, if accepted?
Your response will not influence this session's selection decision.

- Cross-sector collaboration
- Philanthropic practice
- Public policy
- Strategic messaging and narrative power

* Is there an educational level that your session will focus on? Select up to two.

- Early learning (birth through pre-K)
- K-12
- Postsecondary

- Workforce and career pathways
- General attention across the education spectrum

* Which learner communities or experiences will your session highlight or focus on? Select all that apply.

- Adult learners
- Black, Indigenous, Latine/Hispanic, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander learners
- Immigrant/newcomer learners
- Incarcerated learners
- Learners with disabilities
- Learners experiencing homelessness
- Learners in low-wage earning families
- Learners in rural communities
- LGBTQ+ learners
- Multilingual learners
- Neurodivergent learners
- Other

Will your session highlight any sectors or systems that connect to or intersect with education? Select all that apply.

- Climate
- Criminal justice/legal
- Democracy

- Labor and employment
- Food security
- Health and wellness
- Housing
- Transportation
- Other

* What is the geographic focus of your session? Select all that apply.

- Midwest
- Northeast
- South
- West
- State (please specify below)
- Local (please specify below)
- Rural (please specify below)
- Suburban (please specify below)
- Urban (please specify below)
- U.S. Territory (please specify below)
- Other (please specify below)
- This session does not have a geographical focus

↳ Sub-Question

If you selected State, Local, Rural, Suburban, Urban, U.S. Territory, or Other as the geographic focus of your session, specify here.

* What degree of professional experience in philanthropy is your session proposal best designed to engage? Select up to two.

- New (0-3 years)
- Experienced (3+ years)
- Seasoned (10+ years)
- Everyone

* What audience is this session intended for? Select all that apply.

- Grant managers
- Presidents/CEOs
- Program officers or program directors
- Trustees/board members
- Other: Identify which staff or volunteer role this session intends to target below.

* Please provide details about how your proposed session will incorporate or achieve one or more of the following:

1. Offers opportunities to grapple with the most salient issues in education and philanthropy and engage with content that is timely, insightful, and relevant.
2. Provides access to unique and powerful speakers that funders may not normally be able to access.
3. Are interactive experiences that do not rely on panel presentations are the sole design modality.

(1,000-character limit.)

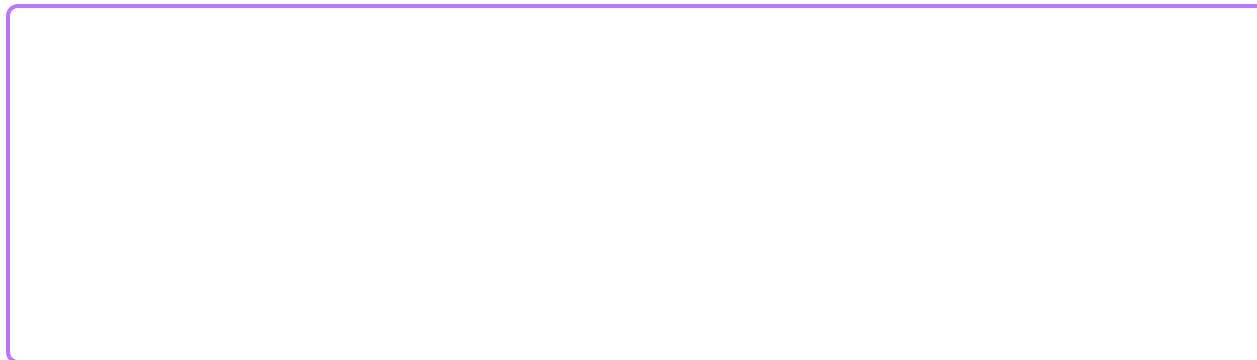
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* What do you hope attendees will take away from your session? When defining the key ideas, tools and strategies an audience will take away, consider what grantmakers are likely to be looking for and what will add value to their work. (1,700-character limit.)



1,700 characters remaining

* Why should this topic be prioritized for examination at this year's conference? Feel free to provide links to recent news or publications to showcase timeliness and noteworthiness. (1,000-character limit.)



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* Provide a sample agenda for your session that includes specific time allocations. Remember: Learning Sessions are 75 minutes long, Spark Sessions are 45 minutes long, and Deep Dives are 2 hours long. (1,000-character limit.)

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Optional Information

Are you currently a steering committee member of an impact group? If so, which impact group?

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Speaker/Moderator Details

Add your speakers and your moderator below. **Please list only speakers you expect to participate if your session is accepted.** Since the RFP is opening much later than in previous years, you will not have as much time as you may have had in the past to request speaker changes. Each speaker or moderator email needs to be unique.

* I (the session organizer) will be...

- A speaker for this session
- A moderator for this session
- Solely organizing the session

If you selected speaker or moderator for yourself, please add the following information.

LinkedIn URL

Biography (1,000-character limit)

1,000 characters remaining

Profile Image (high-resolution headshot, preferably square, 1MB or smaller)

Upload

Accepted File Formats: JPG, PNG, GIF

Add your speakers and your moderator below. **Please list only speakers you expect to participate if your session is accepted.** Since the RFP is opening much closer to conference than in previous years, you will not have as much time to request speaker changes. Each speaker or moderator email needs to be unique.

Select the button below to add (more) speakers or a moderator.

* Speaker or Moderator?

* Have the proposed speakers agreed to be on this panel if the session is accepted?

Prefix

* First Name

* Last Name

* Email Address

* Organization

* Job Title

LinkedIn URL

* Biography (1,000-character limit)

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* Profile Image (high-resolution headshot, preferably square, 1MB or smaller)

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Remove Speaker

Add Speaker/Moderator

* Explain the unique contribution that these specific speaker(s)/moderator bring to your session. Please include any links to examples that showcase the speakers' expertise and experience. (2,000-character limit.)

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Session Logistics

* Sessions will occur throughout the day on Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14. If you are **unavailable** to present during any of the following time slots, please indicate so here. If your session is accepted, the day and time you are assigned may not be changed. Your availability may influence this session's selection decision.

- We ARE available for all days and times
- We are NOT available 10/13, 10:45am-1:00pm
- We are NOT available 10/13, 2:15-4:30pm
- We are NOT available 10/14, 10:45am-1:00pm
- We are NOT available 10/14, 2:15pm-4:30pm

DEFAULT ROOM SET UP

Each room will be set in "rounds of 8" to allow for maximum interaction among session participants. This set up will include a head table with seats for the moderator and speakers. A podium will also be available.

DEFAULT AUDIO VISUAL AVAILABLE

All session rooms will be equipped with a projector and screen as well as the ability to have audio from your laptop. Session rooms will be equipped with a podium mic and head table mics.

Projector connections are HDMI compatible. ***The session organizer will need to arrange for a laptop that can be used during the session. If a MacBook is used, remember to bring adaptors and dongles as they will not be provided.***

SESSION SUPPLIES

Session organizers are responsible for providing all supplies and materials needed to conduct your session.

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