

Autumn Conference 2021 session proposals guidance notes

We are now inviting working session proposals for the Autumn Conference 2021 on the theme of *Enhancing HE: Innovating, adapting, improving*. This conference will be delivered online, via zoom. Please read the guidance below and ensure you have prepared and have to hand all the required information, to enable moderators to assess your proposal effectively.

Before you begin

You will submit your proposal via our online form. You will be able to save your submission part way through and return to it within 30 days (we can only accept changes up to the closing date below). We also ask you to submit a short video of yourself (up to 5 mins) delivering an introduction to your subject topic area and what would be covered in the session (more detail on videos below).

Closing date for session proposals and videos is 9am on Monday, 14 June 2021.

Once you submit your proposal, you will receive a copy of your submission via email, please retain this for your records.

Information you will be required to submit:

Please note that working sessions can have up to two presenters.

For each presenter and co-presenter we need:

- Full name
- Institution/company
- Role
- Email address
- Phone number
- Short biography (max 250 words written in 3rd person)

Session proposal details

Session format: interactive workshop/group discussion/case study/lecture

Session title: be creative and informative (max 15 words)

Session subtitle: Expand on your title to give a one sentence introduction to your session

Session description: Describe your session content including the delivery method. What can delegates expect to be doing? It is not essential but we have a preference for interactivity, since sessions are mixed with keynote lectures. However, if your

session is most appropriately delivered as a lecture or talk, then you should use this format. (max 500 words)

Learning outcomes: Specify three learning outcomes

Who is your target audience? Consider both the level of university administration (such as senior management) and the function (such as registry). If your session is suitable for all, please indicate this on your proposal.

Relevance to conference theme: How does your session support the Conference theme of *Enhancing HE: Innovating, adapting, improving?*

AUA CPD Professional Behaviours: Which behaviours does your session align too? (Select up to three) of the following:

- Achieving results
- Finding solutions
- Embracing change
- Using resources effectively
- Developing self and others

How does your session support the behaviours you have selected? (Max 300 words). Find out more about the [AUA CPD Framework](#)

Equality and diversity

We need to know how you have considered equality and diversity for both the context and the delivery of your session.

For example, does the content use a broad range of examples/scenarios/images that illustrate the diversity of higher education?

How will the content of your session be accessible to all? For example, have you considered how the content and structure will be delivered to or adapted for those with sensory or mobility impairments? If you'd like any advice on this, you may wish to contact [Advance HE](#) (formally Equality Challenge Unit) or review guidance from the [National Association of Disability Practitioners](#).

A short video

Moderators will review proposal forms, and then the videos as a second stage in the selection process. We would like the video to be a brief introduction on your chosen topic area to give an idea of what delegates will learn during the session. We will be reviewing presentation style, and do not expect a finalised version as would be delivered on the day, this is more a bite sized taster. Please note that the form must be fully completed and cannot just refer to the video for more information.

Please submit your video using this [link](#), by 9am on Monday, 14 June 2021:

The practicalities

- Working sessions will be one hour in length

- We are anticipating delegate numbers per working session could be around 50. Please only submit a proposal if you are happy to deliver to this many people
- Sessions will take place on Zoom. We can use polls and breakout groups, but will need to know questions and number of breakout groups in advance of the day to get them set up
- A member of the AUA team will host the working session in Zoom and support technical aspects of running the session
- The AUA Autumn Conference may be sponsored and as part of this sponsorship we may ask you to include a sponsor slide and logos in your presentation
- Sessions will be recorded and made available to conference delegates for a set time period after the event

What happens after you submit your proposal?

1. You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of submitting your session proposal. If you do not receive this email, please contact hello@aua.ac.uk
2. All sessions are moderated by a team appointed by the AUA Board of Trustees to ensure the development of a balanced programme. Factors which the team will consider include: demand, professional development needs, topicality, level of intellect and the diversity of the AUA membership. Unfortunately, it is not possible to include all proposed sessions in the programme.
3. If your session is accepted, the information you provide on the form will be used for marketing purposes and will be published in the Conference programme and on the AUA website. Please note that we reserve the right to edit the information you provide.
4. We aim to inform presenters of accepted proposals for the Autumn Conference 2021 by Friday, 2 July 2021

Please note:

In return for their contribution, speakers are booked on to the Autumn Conference free of charge.

Should you wish to make any changes to your session proposal, including a change of presenter, please inform the AUA office as soon as possible, by contacting Charlotte Mason, Professional Development Assistant charlotte@aua.ac.uk. Presenters who are no longer speaking will not be able to attend the conference free of charge. The AUA reserves the right to edit information supplied in the proposal form. We may contact you to provide additional information. Presenters are subject to the standard event [terms and conditions](#).