



## 2022 Call for Sessions – Form Preview

2022 Annual Conference | October 10-12, 2022 | Minneapolis, MN

### Proposal Components

Below is a preview of the Call for Sessions Form. Please fill out the form online [HERE](#).

Please tell us about your vision for the session including the topic, description, speakers and format. These are not set in stone. Once planning gets underway, we anticipate making adjustments. *Exponent Philanthropy reserves the right to edit final titles and descriptions.*

### Session Submitter Information

Name

Email Address

Organization

Organization type\*:

- Exponent Philanthropy Member Funder
- Non-Member Funder
- Current Exponent Philanthropy Sustaining Partner (Platinum, Gold, Silver or Provisional) or Conference Sponsor

\* Please note, these are the only organization types eligible to submit session proposals. If you would like to pursue opportunities to submit a session, please contact Akeembra Lawrence, Manager of Corporate and Foundation Relations, at [akeembra@exponentphilanthropy.org](mailto:akeembra@exponentphilanthropy.org).

### Race and Ethnicity: How do you publicly self-identify?

- Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American/African
- Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx
- Native American/American Indian/ Indigenous Group
- White/Caucasian/European
- Multiracial/Multiethnic (2 or more races or ethnicities)
- Other race/ethnicity
- Decline to state
- Unknown

### Proposal

Topic (select from topic choices):

#### Governance & Leadership

- Fostering equity (racial, gender, disability, and/or sexuality) within your board, staff and operations
- Developing a common understanding with board and staff on what you want to accomplish
- Focusing a significant part of your work on one or two issues
- Committing to long term goals that can take multiple years or even decades
- Seeking out ways to collaborate with other funders in diverse ways
- Investing in professional development for board and/or staff

### **Grantmaking**

- Fostering equity (racial, gender, disability, and/or sexuality) in your grantmaking
- Streamlining grantmaking processes to reduce the burden on grantees
- Strengthening organizations through general operating support and capacity building
- Supporting leaders of color and small, dynamic grassroots organizations
- Engaging grantees and members of the community in decision making
- Providing seed funding for start-up nonprofit organizations or social entrepreneurs
- Supporting and nurturing talent, leadership and potential with grantees and community members
- Funding and disseminating research for policy change
- Funding organizations engaged in advocacy
- Supporting community organizing or movement building

### **Going Beyond Grants**

- Leveraging powerful assets like knowledge, connections, reputation and more to take on challenging issues and problems
- Convening grantees, community members and local leaders from all sectors
- Mobilizing diverse partners around an issue to develop action plans, coordinate efforts, and build collective will
- Leveraging your relationships to serve as a community broker and matchmaker
- Promoting civic education, participation, and voter engagement
- Speaking out to call attention to urgent issues

### **Learning About Your Community and Investing in Relationships**

- Inviting conversations and nurturing relationships with grantees and community members
- Listening to and understanding your community and the history and ecosystem of your issue areas
- Respecting and relying on the experience and wisdom of grantees and community members
- Understanding gaps and needs, and leveraging points for change

### **Foundation Management Fundamentals**

- Understanding foundation legal requirements
- Understanding foundation tax requirements
- Understanding & addressing accounting needs (including 990PF)
- Managing investment assets and advisors
- Understanding the basics of board governance (including but not limited to succession planning, strategic planning, bringing on new members, board self-assessment)
- Understanding the basics of foundation administration (including but not limited to hiring & managing staff, recordkeeping, communications)
- Addressing IT and cybersecurity needs

**Session Description:** In 800 characters or less, explain the theme of your session and its major components.

**Session Takeaways:** In 500 characters or less, list what takeaways participants will be able to apply to their philanthropic work following the session.

**Proposed Presenters/Speakers** (check all that apply)

- Funder
- Nonprofit/Grantee
- Financial/Legal Professional
- Consultant
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



**Race and Ethnicity of Primary Speaker(s): How do they publicly self-identify?** (Check all that apply for multiple speakers.)

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**Likely Session Formats** (check all that apply)

- Presentation
- Moderated panel (max. # speakers: 4)
- Group discussion
- Conversations in pairs or triads
- Worksheet or exercise
- Case example & discussion
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**This material has been presented elsewhere:**

- No
- Yes

**If yes, when:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We may receive more than one proposal on a particular topic. Would you be willing to collaborate with other submitters who proposed similar ideas? Y / N**

**By submitting this proposal, I confirm that I've read the terms of session submission. Y / N**

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Thank you for submitting a session proposal! We will notify all those who've submitted sessions with decisions in May 2022.

Please contact Associate Director of Educational Programs, Althea Georgantas, if you have any questions.  
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Thank you for your interest!

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