

Annual Conference

Session Design FAQs

What topics should my session proposal address?

Sessions should highlight one of our two areas of focus: Catalytic Leadership in Philanthropy or the fundamentals of foundation management. We seek equity-centered practices throughout all session topics. [See details >>](#)

What kinds of sessions will be selected?

We are seeking sessions that provide actionable instruction for our community of lean funders. Our expectation is that session designers articulate educational takeaways that are both specific and universal, rather than tell a story about one foundation's work. Proposals should clearly illustrate how this will be achieved in a 75-minute session.

Who is the audience for the Annual Conference?

Our audience includes donors, trustees, and staff from all types of foundations —individual donors and philanthropic families; donor-advised fund holders and managers; philanthropic support organizations; philanthropic service professionals; and thought leaders in the field of philanthropy. Sessions can see participant numbers ranging from 35-50 on the lower end to 75-90 on the higher end.

Can I help evaluate the submitted session proposals?

Yes, we invite Exponent Philanthropy members to serve as reviewers of the 2026 Annual Conference Call for Sessions. As a reviewer, you will work alongside the Exponent Philanthropy Knowledge Committee to evaluate proposals received through this year's call for sessions. [Apply to be a Reviewer >>](#)

