

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 take-aways 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 2025 Annual Conference Call for Sessions. As a reviewer, you will work alongside the Exponent Philanthropy Programs & Services Committee to evaluate proposals received through this year's call for sessions. [Apply to be a Reviewer >>](#)

