



GSC 2021 Call for Speakers

Application Deadline: **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:59pm EST.**

The [Green Schools Conference](#) (GSC) is now accepting applications and nominations for speakers to address priority topics at the virtual conference taking place June 28-29, 2021. The Call for Speakers is designed to allow the conference to be highly responsive to the needs of the green school community during a year characterized by change. Throughout February, a series of [Green Schools Summits](#) will gather input from key audiences – School Leaders, Educators, Building Industry Professionals, and Facilities and Sustainability Staff – on the critical challenges they face today. After each Summit, the Call for Speakers will be updated to reflect any revisions to the priority topics based on attendee discussion findings. GSC will review these applications to select the most relevant subject matter experts to present on these topics in further depth at this year’s GSC. Please note that GSC will curate presentations by selecting and potentially pairing speakers at our discretion based on their alignment in background and expertise to address the relevant priority topic.

The Call for Speakers is designed to collect applications/nominations from individual subject matter experts willing to speak about the specific priority topics listed on the [GSC Call for Speakers form](#) and [GSC website](#).

GSC is also accepting proposals for education sessions through March 8, 2021. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a full education session, please refer to the [Call for Proposals](#) document for more information.

About Green Schools Conference (GSC)

GSC is the only national event to bring together all the players involved in making green schools a reality: people who lead, operate, build, and teach in U.S. schools. Attendees engage in skill building, participate in in-depth discussions and problem solving, and get inspired by speakers at the forefront of connecting sustainability, social justice, and education. The 2021 virtual event will include two half-days of education programming, including opportunities for attendees to share ideas and successful strategies, learn about potential partnerships, hear about new research and evidence-based program models, and discover tools, services, and products to help them succeed in creating schools that teach students about global sustainability – all in an environment that is healthy for them, for their communities, and for the earth.



How to Apply

All applicants must complete the electronic application online at the [Green Schools Conference Call for Speakers 2021](#) by **11:59pm EST on Monday, March 8, 2021**.

GSC 2021 Call for Speakers Timeline	
February 10	Call for Speakers opens
March 8	All proposals and applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm EST
April 19	Accepted speaker notifications are sent
May 3	Speaker acceptance deadline and program announcement
May 17	Speaker conference registration deadline
June 28-29, 2021	Conference Dates: Green Schools Conference

GSC 2021 Presentation Topic Priorities:

GSC is specifically in search of subject matter experts that can address the 2021 GSC Priority Topics. The priority topics are derived from the Green Schools Summits for School Leaders, Educators, Building Industry Professionals, and Facilities and Sustainability Staff. **The Call for Speakers will be updated on February 17, February 24, and March 3** to reflect additional or refocused priorities following feedback from each summit.

Check the [GSC Call for Speakers form](#) and [GSC website](#) for the most up-to-date list of topics.

GSC 2021 Speaker Presentation Formats:

GSC will be accepting speaker applications and nominations for the following presentation formats:

- Thought Leader Moment/Plenary: A 10–20-minute solo presentation sharing a breakthrough, achievement, insight, or story that is inspiring, informative and thought-provoking.
- Education Presentation/Discussion: GSC may curate a 45–60-minute education session with Q&A and/or audience participation. Speakers may be paired at the discretion of USGBC with additional speakers who can address the relevant priority topic to create a holistic presentation.

GSC 2021 Speaker Policies:

We uphold a strong commitment to diversity throughout our conference program, including gender, race and ethnicity, as well as in background, areas of expertise and perspective. The review process for speaker nominations is managed by the GSC Steering Committee, volunteer peer review group, and USGBC staff. The reviewer group's responsibility is to produce the strongest possible educational program for conference attendees by including new, important content and learning experiences.

Session speakers will receive complimentary registration for the conference.

For assistance with questions regarding the GSC Call for Speakers, please email program@greenschoolsconference.org.