



Green Schools Conference 2024 Call for Reviewers

Application Deadline: **Monday, May 16, 2023 at 11:59pm EST**

The [Green Schools Conference](#) (GSC) is seeking peer reviewers to evaluate proposals for education sessions for the GSC 2024 conference. Peer reviewers help maintain the outstanding reputation of GSC by identifying exceptional presenters and timely presentations. Engaging highly qualified reviewers with expertise and experience in specified content areas defined in the GSC [Call for Proposals](#) is essential to the ongoing success of this education program.

Basic Requirements for Reviewers

- Expertise in subject(s) covered by one or more program topic areas
- Previous experience reviewing proposals for related conferences or publications
- Commitment to complete review of all assigned proposals (typically 10-20) by the deadline

How to Apply

All applicants must [complete this application form](#) for the GSC Call for Reviewers by **11:59pm EST on Monday, May 16, 2023.**

Please note you will be asked to indicate your availability for both the first and second rounds of review. Emailed, faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

GSC 2024 Proposal Review Timeline	
April 18	Call for Reviewers opens
May 16	Deadline for Reviewer Applications is 11:59 pm EST
May 25	Notifications sent for accepted peer reviewers
June 13 – 27	First round of review
July 17 – 28	Second round of review
August 2023	Accepted session notifications sent and program announcement
Early 2024	Green Schools Conference (exact dates forthcoming)

Reviewing Policies

Each reviewer will receive electronic access to a range of 10-20 submissions and will have one week to complete online evaluations. **Please note that serving as a reviewer represents a significant time commitment and responsibility for ensuring timely and thorough reviews of all assigned proposals.**

- Reviewers are eligible to present at the conferences.
- Reviewers are prohibited from reviewing session abstracts submitted by themselves or professional colleagues employed by the same organization, this is considered a conflict of interest.
- All reviewers will have an option of abstaining from reviewing in the review site.

- Those who complete their assignments for the Green Schools Conference and related tracks will receive a discount of \$100 off a Green Schools Conference registration. This discount is non-transferable and may not be combined with any other discounts.
- Additionally, all reviewers who complete their reviews will be eligible for GBCI Continuing Education (CE) hours. An email will be sent by the program team with details on how to receive these CE hours. Individuals who have completed assignments as reviewers in previous years are encouraged to apply.

GSC Review Information

GSC 2024 Presentation Topic Priorities:

The GSC 2024 program is specifically in search of sessions that address these priority topics.

Sessions that address one or more of these priority topics will be awarded one additional point in the review scoring process.

- Leveraging new funding sources and models
- Intersectionality of sustainability and equity
- Empowering student voice for climate action
- Nature-based strategies for education and wellness

GSC Preferred Presentation Categories:

During the application process, you will be asked to indicate which subject area you would like to review. The following descriptions are representative of how each topic could be addressed:

- **Environmental Impact:** Proven strategies and leading-edge ideas for how schools can reduce their impact on natural systems through conserving resources and supporting local ecology.
- **Health & Well-Being:** Proven strategies and leading-edge ideas for how schools can support the physical and emotional health and well-being of students and teachers through the physical environment and programming.
- **Environmental and Sustainability Literacy:** Proven strategies and leading-edge ideas for how schools can support student understanding of the interconnectedness between living systems, human health, and economic prosperity through place-based education, project-based learning, and integrated approaches to curriculum.
- **Whole School/District Sustainability:** Proven strategies and leading-edge ideas for how schools and school districts can implement sustainable thinking across all aspects of operations, utilizing organizational culture, physical place, and educational program to get measurable results across the board.

GSC Session Types and Scoring System:

All session proposals will be reviewed and scored by a team of volunteer reviewers using a 20-point scale with the ability to earn one bonus point for addressing the 2024 priority topics. Keep in mind that each session should be **interdisciplinary**. Those with the top scores will move on to the second round of review. The reviewers will use these scores to select presenters and sessions for the final program.

Reviewers will score proposals using the point values articulated in the following descriptions:

GSC Session Review Rubric	
Max Value	Criteria
5 points	Provide a clear picture of what to expect during the session, including a plan for teaching the session material and how presenters will elicit attendee engagement using a variety of teaching methods
5 points	Provide an interdisciplinary perspective with at least two presenters from different stakeholder groups
4 points	Highlight a school or school district that has demonstrated measurable results related to ecological impact, health and well-being, or student learning; and articulate how results are measured or evaluated
3 points	Propose presenters that have the experience and knowledge necessary to deliver the material
3 points	Define clear action steps and guide attendees on replication in other schools, districts, states or by other public-private partnerships
+1 Point Priority Topic	Presentation submittals will earn an extra point if the submission is related to one or more of the GSC 2024 Presentation Topic Priorities listed above.
Max value: 21 points	(20 base points +1 bonus point)

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