



March 24-26, 2025, Columbus, Ohio

Call for Proposals

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2024, 11:59 PM PST

The AAMC GDI Call for Proposals is now open! The GDI Program Planning Committee invites proposals for breakout sessions and posters for the Group on Diversity and Inclusion Professional Development Conference scheduled for March 24-26, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus in Columbus, Ohio.

All proposals must be submitted online by **October 11, 2024, 11:59 PM PST**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Acceptance notifications will be sent by November 2024.

Conference Content

As experts in the field, your knowledge and perspective drive the topics and sessions featured at the conference. The GDI Program Planning Committee has designed specific opportunities to highlight your work. Submit your proposal in one of two ways:

1. Breakout Session
2. Poster

The conference program will feature a mixture of presentations that address the needs and challenges of seasoned, mid-career, and new faculty, administrators, staff, and stakeholders in all aspects of diversity and identity. **We highly encourage innovative submissions that offer in-depth explorations of specific topics and deliver actionable takeaways.** Preference will be given to submissions that incorporate speakers and content from both public and private institutions, medical schools,

teaching hospitals, or healthcare systems, large and small institutions, and recognize varying levels of resources.

We are also interested in **research proposals** that present new research findings or research in progress dealing with typical and/or atypical aspects of diversity, equity or inclusion. Presentations should be based on original research and provide new data/information pertaining to either scientific bases of a certain discipline (i.e., medical education) or field of study or practice (social science, basic science or clinical practice). Data/information regarding new interpretations of existing data may also be included in this category.

Breakout Sessions

Tailor your submission to meet the unique needs of diversity and inclusion professionals by providing in-depth presentations within your areas of expertise. These sessions offer institutions the opportunity to showcase their recent innovations, projects, systems, or other practices. Presentations should be applicable to other institutions and should incorporate both successes and challenges encountered along the way. Sessions should deliver actionable takeaways, such as tips, tools, and processes that can be immediately applied. All sessions should include ample time to engage the audience in discussion. Proposals organized as case studies or deep dives on specific topics are highly encouraged. Please indicate in your submission whether your session will be structured as a deep dive.

Here are some important recommendations:

1. The preferred types of sessions are those that provide deep dives on specific topics through expert-led lectures.
2. The preferred participant activity is providing ample Q&A time and preparing facilitated questions to further ignite group discussions.
3. Presentations should deliver strategies, best practices, and solutions.
4. Provide handouts, tools, resources, presentations, or website links for participants.

NOTE: You are responsible for uploading electronic materials to the conference website/app and for printing and distributing physical materials yourself.

Explore [videos and guides](#) and examine tips and tools for planning, designing, developing, and delivering a terrific conference session. Submitters are strongly encouraged to use the instructional guide before logging in to submit a proposal.

Posters

The GDI Program Planning Committee invites proposals for posters to be featured during a dedicated segment of the program. These posters aim to showcase a variety of ongoing sustainability projects and research through visual presentations. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the topics independently while engaging in one-on-one or small group discussions with the presenter. The GDI Program Planning Committee will select up to **35** posters to feature at the conference. A guideline for poster presentations can be found [here](#).

Suggested Topics Based on GDI Strategic Priorities and Needs Assessment

The GDI Program Planning Committee has identified topics of interest although this list is not exhaustive. The planning committee accepts proposals related to these topics in addition to other submissions of interest to diversity and inclusion professionals. Submitters should review the suggested topics based on GDI strategic priorities.

Institutional Culture and Climate

- Implementation and outcomes for accreditation requirements for LCME and ACGME
 - Supporting marginalized communities by providing them with exclusive spaces that allow them to talk openly about their challenges
- Systemic and institutional racism, antiracism
- Intersectionality: race, ethnicity, gender and gender identity, pronouns (and why they matter), language, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, education
- Priorities include diversity and inclusion strategic planning, metrics, evaluations, and assessments
- Collaborations across stakeholder and AAMC affinity group participants (i.e., CFAS, GBA, GFA, GIA, GIP, GIR, GRA, GSA, ORR, OSR, GWIMS)
- Research and scholarship focusing on diversity and inclusion (i.e., health equity, diversity in GME)

Graduate Learners

- ACGME diversity and inclusion requirements for underrepresented groups throughout the medical education continuum
- Holistic review practices and policies
 - Initiatives for addressing diversity work as it pertains to graduate admissions
 - Preparing diverse learners for successful careers in academic medicine
- Diversity and inclusion curriculum
 - Challenges, success factors, and pitfalls
 - Implementation models and best practices
- Disability inclusion in medical education

- Accommodations and accessibility in clinical settings
- Promoting disability awareness among faculty and peers
- LGBTQIA+ inclusion in healthcare training
 - Creating safe and inclusive learning environments
 - Addressing health disparities in LGBTQIA+ populations
 - Cultural competency training for healthcare providers

Faculty (Senior Administrators, Staff, and Stakeholders)

- Self-care and well-being best practices in racial trauma, resilience, wellness, isolation, or burnout for URiM faculty, senior administrators, staff, and stakeholders
 - Recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce
 - Guidelines for addressing issues as a URiM manager
 - Role of diversity and inclusion officers at resource-limited institutions
 - Dealing with retaliatory behavior as a response to addressing challenges in the workplace
 - Navigational Strategies for early-career, mid-career, and late-career
 - How to know when to take on more in your current field or pivot to a new focus
 - How to get involved with mentorship and sponsorship as senior faculty
 - Transferrable skills for leaders who would like to transition to Chair or other leadership roles
- Alliances, partnerships, and collaborations within institutions (i.e. healthcare systems)
- Innovative efforts for recruitment, retention, and advancement of underrepresented faculty, senior administrators, staff, and stakeholders
- Role of diversity and inclusion officers at resource-rich vs. resource-limited institutions
 - Health systems vs medical schools
 - Leadership buy-in
 - Human capital to full-time equivalent (FTE) ratio
 - Operational vs programmatic budget
 - Demonstrating the value of diversity and inclusion
- Competencies and skills for diversity and inclusion officers
 - Advocacy and negotiation
 - Strategic planning
 - Institutional knowledge/political savvy
 - Influence
 - Change management and innovation efforts
 - Crisis leadership and communications

- Inclusive leadership
- Addressing and overcoming challenges and barriers
 - Lack of resources and staff
 - Too much work and too little time
 - Lack of support, direction/strategy, and coordination from institution and/or leadership
 - Validation of the emotional burden that come with this work

Community Engagement

- Case studies on how to successfully establish community engagement programs and impacts, and measure outcomes
 - Initiatives of community-based organizations
 - How to apply for grants and other resources for funding for your institution
 - Community-based participatory research
 - Ways to be inclusive of community members for research and work in partnership with community members
 - Providing community members with opportunities to ask questions about the health and health equity of their community
 - Cultivating a neutral environment for community research
- Successful institutional partnerships or lessons learned (i.e., neighboring hospitals, across health professional schools, health systems, academic medical centers)
- Engaging with individuals who benefit from an unfair system
- Philanthropy and fundraising programs to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and community engagement

Other

Submissions are intended to be inclusive of but not limited to the suggested topics above. Proposals in an “Other” category will be considered.

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Submission

You are encouraged to compose the submission in Word before completing the online submission form. All fields will be required to complete a submission.

Important Note: The GDI Program Planning Committee reserves the right to consolidate submissions and/or recommend any additional speakers or content-related changes that will enhance the presentation's relevance to the audience.

Breakout Session Proposal (one hour)

1. **Speaker Information**

A. **Primary Speaker and Contact.** This individual will be the primary contact for the session being submitted. All future correspondence will be directed to the primary speaker/contact, who is also responsible for communicating with co-speaker(s) regarding acceptance or rejection, deadlines, and all other submission details.

- I. First Name
- II. Last Name
- III. Pronouns that the speaker identifies with (i.e. He/Him/His, She/Her/Hers, They/Them/Theirs)
- IV. Degree
- V. Area of Expertise: The GDI Steering Committee would like to gather comprehensive information about your areas of specialization. This will help us match you with future speaking opportunities. To better understand your expertise and interests for potential speaking engagements, please share your primary areas of professional focus or areas you are passionate about (optional).
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- VIII. Email
- IX. Street Address
- X. City
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- XII. Zip Code
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- XIV. Phone Number
- XV. Professional Twitter handle (optional)
- XVI. Brief biography limited to 2000 characters including spaces
- XVII. Color headshot photo

B. **Additional Speakers.** To ensure substantial time for interaction between speakers and audience, sessions are typically limited to a maximum of four participants in addition to a facilitator/moderator.

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2. Session Type (select one):

- I. In-Depth Expert-Led Lectures with Q&A
- II. Interactive Audience Engagement Workshops
- III. Other (Please Describe Below)

3. Submission Title

Enter the title of your proposal (90-character limit including spaces). Do not use all caps or unnecessary symbols (such as an ampersand), punctuation, quotation marks around the title or a period at the end.

4. Session Aligns with Strategic Priority (select one primary):

- I. Institutional Culture and Climate
- II. Graduate Learners

- III. Faculty (Senior Administrators, Staff, and Stakeholders)
- IV. Community Engagement
- V. Other (please describe)

5. Session Abstract

Please provide a brief abstract (500-character limit including spaces) of your proposal. If your presentation is selected, the AAMC will include this abstract on the 2025 GDI Professional Development Conference website and app for attendees to view and select their schedule. This is a key marketing piece to capture the interest of attendees. It is recommended that you format your abstract to a single paragraph. Abstracts are not edited and are published as submitted, so make sure you proofread your work carefully.

6. Expanded Summary

Please provide an expanded summary of your proposal (1,000-character limit including spaces) that the GDI Program Planning Committee can use in its review of your proposal. The summary should describe the content to be delivered, the goal of the session, and what a participant can expect from your presentation.

7. Stage of Implementation

Please briefly describe what stage your institution is at in the process of implementing this project/process/initiative. Is this a new initiative that you are planning and developing, a newly executed or implemented program, a long-established project, etc.? (500-character limit including spaces)

8. Time Ordered Agenda

You are encouraged to include for reviewers a very short time-ordered agenda in support of your request of a breakout session format. An example (one-hour):

- 5 minutes - Introductions and Disclosures
- 10 minutes - Overview and Background
- 20 minutes - Expert-led Lecture
- 25 minutes - Question & Answer Session

9. Session Outcomes

Please list three outcomes, objectives or take-away messages that meeting participants will learn from your session (200-character limit for each objective including spaces)

Outcome 1

Outcome 2

Outcome 3

10. Participant Activity (select all that apply):

- I. Expert-led Problem-solving Exercises
- II. Case Study Analysis
- III. Large Group Discussion
- IV. Outcome-focused Brainstorming
- V. Knowledge Assessment (Quiz)
- VI. Simulation Exercises
- VII. Role-Playing Scenarios
- VIII. Interactive Polls
- IX. Question & Answer Session
- X. Other (Please Describe Below)

11. Participant Engagement

Describe (100-character limit including spaces) how you will engage with session participants.

Poster Proposal

1. Presenter Information

- A. **Primary Presenter and Contact.** This individual will be the primary contact for the poster being submitted. All future correspondence will be directed to the primary speaker/contact, who is also responsible for communicating with co-speaker(s) regarding acceptance or rejection, deadlines, and all other submission details.

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2. Poster Title

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3. Poster Aligns with Strategic Priority (select one primary):

- I. Institutional Culture and Climate
- II. Graduate Learners
- III. Faculty (Senior Administrators, Staff, and Stakeholders)
- IV. Community Engagement
- V. Other (please describe)

4. Poster Abstract

Please provide a brief abstract (800-character limit including spaces) for your poster proposal. If your poster is selected, the AAMC will include this abstract on the 2025 GDI Professional Development Conference website and app for attendees to view and select their schedule. This is a key marketing piece to capture the interest of attendees. It is recommended that you format your abstract to a single paragraph. Abstracts are not edited and are published as submitted, so make sure you proofread your work carefully.

Poster abstracts should describe how the poster will present information visually, as well as what the poster will argue intellectually. Guideline for poster presentations can be found [here](#). You must include:

- Background, Aim/Hypothesis
- Methods
- Results and/or Outcomes
- Conclusions/Implications
- Areas for Follow-Up and/or Additional Study

Poster Lessons

Please list three take away lessons that attendees will learn from your poster (200-character limit for each objective including spaces):

Lesson 1

Lesson 2

Lesson 3

Review Process

The GDI Program Planning Committee will review and evaluate submissions based on the following criteria and priority topic areas: institutional culture and climate; graduate learners; faculty, senior administrators, staff, and stakeholders; and community engagement:

- **Actionable and Transferable:** We want attendees to leave breakout sessions with a skill they can put to use, a project they can implement, or new knowledge of a subject to take back to their own institutions. Proposals should generate meaningful and actionable learning objectives and ideas that transfer between institutions and will launch discussion about overcoming the limitations of replication.
- **Creativity of Subject Matter:** We are interested in creative problem solving that goes beyond what has been tried before and will inspire action and thinking outside of the box. We are particularly looking for innovative proposals that will inspire solution-building in the sessions with attendees.
- **Connectivity:** We seek proposals that assemble linkages among medical education curriculum development activities, organizational/business operations, research, constituency initiatives. This conference aspires to bring stakeholders together from public and private institutions, medical schools, teaching hospitals, or healthcare systems, representing the various types in academic medicine to create collaboration and to breakdown traditional silos.
- **Quality:** We are looking for high quality session abstracts that describe how the proposal will convey a clearly articulated subject and objective. We are dedicated to ensuring that the presentations at this conference meet the high standards of academic medicine. It is expected that all proposals have been carefully edited prior to submission. Poorly written proposals may influence the Planning Committee's review process.
- **Interaction and Inclusivity:** Above all, we seek to include intersectionality in our presentations and speakers. The Planning Committee is committed to proposals that will bring an engaging delivery of presentations and inclusive interaction for everyone. Preference will be given to proposals that outline participative and experiential formats.

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