

2026 AAMC Health Professions Financial Aid and Student Records Administrators Joint Meeting

Call for Proposals: Submission Guide

When submitting a proposal, you will be required to provide information about the following:

- Title
- Intended audience:
Choose up to two
 - Admissions
 - Student Affairs
 - Student Opportunities, Access, and Retention
 - Student Financial Assistance
 - Student Records
- Intended audience expertise level:
Choose all that apply
 - Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
- Opportunity for audience development:
Choose all that apply
 - Adaptability
 - Advising
 - Advocacy
 - Building Relationships
 - Leadership
 - Service
 - Student Opportunities, Access, and Retention
 - Organizational Acumen
 - Professionalism
 - Other
- Proposal descriptions
 - One short description, 1200-character max (to be published in the conference agenda)
 - One detailed description, 2500 character-max (for purposes of reviewing your proposal)

- Learning objectives

Two are required

- These should be measurable and achievable participant learning outcomes from your session

- Instructional strategies and activities (sessions only)

Choose all that apply

- Expert-led problem-solving exercises
- Case study analysis
- Large group discussion
- Outcome-focused brainstorming
- Knowledge assessment (quiz)
- Simulation exercises
- Role-playing scenarios
- Interactive polls
- Question & answer session
- Other

- Presenter information*

*We are only requesting *presenter* information. You are encouraged to list *contributing authors* in your presentation materials (i.e. PPT presentation). **All presenters must acknowledge that they will pay the conference registration fee, and all fees associated with attending the meeting (i.e. hotel and flights).**

Suggested Submission Topics:

Debt Management and Financial Literacy in an Evolving Financial Aid Landscape

- Integrating budgeting, credit, and debt counseling in financial aid advising with registrar support around billing and enrollment.
- Equity and access implications of financial barriers due to reemergence of private loans and strategies to support financially vulnerable student populations
- Collaboration between financial aid, student records, and academic and career advising offices
- AAMC Financial Wellness Overview & Effective Approaches

Navigating Financial Aid Post Grad PLUS: Innovative Approaches to Funding, Advising, and Planning

- Best practices and strategies for supporting students as the community prepares for the post-Grad PLUS era, including private loans and institutional options.
- Approaches for proactively and effectively communicating student aid policy changes across applicant, prehealth advisor, and student audiences.

Navigating Private Loans and Lender Relations: Effective Approaches in the Current Environment

- Advising students on changes in available loan products and terms.
- Knowledge sharing around and navigating Preferred Lender List regulations.

Ensuring Regulatory Compliance: Federal Aid and Enrollment Reporting

- Respective financial aid and records responsibilities in meeting federal reporting and upcoming compliance challenges with financial value transparency regulations.

Leave of Absence and Modified Enrollment: Implications for Financial Aid, Registration, and Student Progress

- Exploring cross-office collaboration on student LOAs, off-cycle enrollment, and off-ramp programs, with financial, registration and academic implications.
- The financial impact of delayed graduation, leaves of absence, or residency transition gaps.

Managing Student Eligibility and Enrollment Milestones: Step Delays, Matching, and Extended Timelines

- How delayed academic progress affects aid eligibility, academic standing, and registrar coordination.

Academic Calendars and Student Academic Progress: Aligning Schedules, Aid Disbursement, and Academic Advancement

- How registrar and financial aid offices can work together to align calendars and policies for optimal student support.

Technology Evolution in Financial Aid and Registrar Services

Practical applications of AI in managing student data, communication, and reporting functions across both domains.

Away Electives: Financial Aid Availability, Accessibility, and Impact on Specialty Selection

- Financial aid availability, institutional support, and logistical access to away electives and its impact on ability for clinical exposure, specialty choice
- Planning: impact of course registration timing, course length, and credit hours on financial aid eligibility and disbursement

Strategic Leadership and Organizational Development in Student Financial Aid and Records

- Strategic planning, evaluation, and metrics for unit impact
- Operational management in academic and student affairs offices
- Building political acumen and navigating institutional structures
- Budgeting, staffing, and resource allocation aligned with strategic priorities

Advancing Professional Development and Retention in Student Financial Aid and Records

- Career advancement strategies across academic stages
- Mentorship, sponsorship, and succession planning
- Strategies to retain top talent and support workforce stability by creating sustainable, well-resourced professional development structures
- Addressing burnout, maintaining long-term engagement by promoting team building and supporting staff wellbeing
- Professional certification opportunities

Open Forum on the Evolving Student Aid Landscape with Facilitated Discussion