



Invitation to Nominate/ Submit As A Speaker or Session Proposal

FAQS

Submission Types: Session Proposal: Submit up to two session proposals to be considered for inclusion in the **Paris Open Science** *un*-conference program. Decisions will be shared by email on or before March 30th 2024..

OR

Individual Speaker Proposal: Submit up to two individual speakers to be considered for inclusion in PoPS programming. Accepted speakers will be slotted into sessions curated by the PoPS Planning Team or partners looking for aligned speakers in their session.

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Decisions will be shared by email no later than March 2024, with final speaker assignments on or before April.

1. Each company/organization can submit two proposals for speakers OR sessions.
2. Put your best application forward. **Review the focus track descriptions on [our website here](#).**
3. The words we use every day can perpetuate and exacerbate inequality or siloed ways of thinking. But they also can educate, empower, and drive positive change. **Use language conscientiously to craft your session.**
4. **Dream BIG** — in topics, format, and speakers.

5. **Feel free to not go too narrow on your submission.** We're excited about diverse perspectives, integrating new voices in science, speakers and sessions that are actionable, present big ideas, bring leaders across sectors together, and help us think differently about the issues we're facing in our current systems.
6. Sessions accepted will be accepted (and published) **with the speakers and session details submitted in this application.**
7. **Be prepared to answer all proposal questions**

What we're looking for:

- **Cross-sector conversations.** While some conversations are specific to an audience or population, PoPS is about bringing together representatives in a pluridisciplinary approach from across sectors to drive collective intelligence and coordinated action.
- **Expertise.** Speakers and session organizers that have an intermediate level of expertise at a minimum.
- **Innovation.** Ideas that show new ways of thinking, big ideas, and action.
- **Creativity and what's new.** New ideas that aren't commonly talked about or a new spin on an existing topic.
- **Diversity** in perspectives.
- **Interaction.** We encourage you to think beyond a panel. How can you engage the audience? What opportunities are there to go deeper?
- **Lessons learned.** Sessions should not resemble a sales pitch or an opportunity to showcase a single organization, project, or program. All sessions should have a call to action for various stakeholders in the audience.

Paris Open Science offers an unparalleled opportunity to listen and learn across disciplines and differences. To achieve this we are seeking speaker nominations from thought leaders across the selected pluridisciplinary tracks and the wider Open Science ecosystem.

At PoPS inclusive means *all of us*. To bring everyone to the table, we center inclusivity and accessibility. To include researchers, learners and science enthusiasts at every stage of their education and career, we celebrate lived experience.

Thank you for your interest in speaking at PoPS 2024! Below are a few reminders before you submit your session.

1. Each organization can submit for up to two speakers OR sessions.
2. Speakers must be available on May 24th and 25th. We cannot promise scheduling accommodations.
3. **Be prepared to answer all proposal questions.**

FAQ

Do speakers pay PoPS registration fees?

Speakers receive free registration. If a speaker can no longer attend, their registration will be canceled.

Do accepted speakers get a plus one for admins, guests, or family?

No, speakers do not receive day passes or additional tickets for colleagues, friends, or family. People who are not registered for PoPs cannot attend a session.

How can I view my submission?

Please keep a draft copy in your own files.

How many sessions can we submit per organization?

Two applications are permitted per company/organization for speakers or sessions.

What happens once my session is accepted?

The primary account name/email will receive a decision by email by no later than March and probably much sooner depending on when you submit..

I missed the deadline. What can I do?

Because of the volume of submissions we expect and the need for speakers to plan for travel, we will not be accepting late submissions.

If you're interested in [sponsoring a session](#) for a guaranteed spot on the agenda or if you have any questions about the submission process, **please contact Paige Donner** at [Linkedin.com/in/PaigeDonner](https://www.linkedin.com/in/PaigeDonner) or [Michel Claessens](#)

Timeline

- **December 1 - March 15th:** Application period.
- **February:** Individual speaker applications will receive email notice no later than February with one of the following outcomes: accepted, denied, or standby.

Accepted: We'll work with you to identify the right speaking opportunity through April.

Denied: Unfortunately, we are not moving forward with your application.

N/A: We might hold a decision on standby while we work through additional programming. We will let you know by email.

- **February - April:** Accepted speakers work with the PoPS Planning Team on session placement.
- **April - May:** Session preparation, final announcements about scheduling/times.

NOMINATE a SPEAKER or SESSION (OR SUBMIT YOURSELF)