ASTC Association of Science and Technology Centers

ASTC Call for Proposals 2026

Experimental Experiences Session Submission Questions

Submission link:

https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=RNBOGNYM

Proposal Title

Please give a title of 15 words or less, containing no abbreviations, that indicates the nature of the presentation. This title will be used in the conference program if your session is accepted. (text field, 15-word limit)

Proposal Type

Select Proposal type (select from dropdown menu)

- Concurrent
- Lightning
- Poster
- Extended Sessions and Expeditions
- Experimental Experiences

[TASK: BASIC SESSION INFORMATION: EXPERIMENTAL EXPERIENCES]

Instructions: Share with reviewers the details of your session proposal. We encourage you to look toward where we are going, not just where we have been. For this session type, proposals that emphasize interactivity, active engagement, and provide a clear explanation of the overall experience for attendees will be prioritized.

Short Description

Please give a description of 50 words or less that will be used in the Conference Program. (text field)

Submission Description

This is the primary element that reviewers will use to evaluate your session proposal. Provide a detailed description of your experimental experience, including how you plan to use the space, how you will engage participants, experience outcomes (e.g. what attendees will gain from participating), and how the experience aligns with the overall conference theme and goals. Overall, provide as much detail as possible as to help reviewers understand what the experience will consist of for attendees. This information will NOT be included in the conference program. (Max of 500 words) (text field)

[TASK: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: EXPERIMENTAL EXPERIENCES]

This year's Forward theme requires us to think boldly and ambitiously. Leaning into this theme, ASTC is creating a new engagement opportunity that asks the question: How can we open our conference space to meet the needs and harness the creativity of our community? Proposers are encouraged to go beyond standard session types and reimagine physical locations (including but not limited to the Exhibit Hall, the convention center lobby and hallways, outside the conference facilities, and beyond!) as learning and community spaces. Think: co-created builds, hands-on activities and demonstrations, community-building activities, and whatever else you can imagine and bring to life.

Who is the primary anticipated audience for your session proposal? This can be job role, years in the field, skill level, etc. (75 words) (text field)

Is your presentation intended to promote a product or service? Yes/No

Is your submission part of a grant dissemination plan? Yes/No

Special session requirements (200 word maximum)

Please describe the ideal space and/or equipment needs for your experience. If accepted, ASTC staff will work closely with you to finalize your space and equipment needs and placement in the conference program. Presenters will be expected to supply their own special materials for the experience. Any special additional equipment rentals and/or catering needs may incur additional costs at the presenter's expense. (text field)

[TASK: ADD PRESENTERS]

Add New Presenter

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Role: (select from Session Leader or Presenter)

Please complete as much of the information as you can (not required):

Pronouns:

Office Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Position/Title:

Organization:

Role:

Have you presented at the ASTC Conference before: Yes/No