



2024 University of Pittsburgh Mentoring and Advising Summit: Inclusive Excellence in Mentoring and Advising

Call for Proposals

Conference Details

Date: Friday, March 8, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (ET)

Location: Virtual

About the 2024 Mentoring and Advising Summit

At the University of Pittsburgh, advising and mentoring are integral to our educational mission as we aim to prepare students for lives of impact through educational experiences tailored to their specific goals and needs. As such, we advocate for collaborative and holistic advising interactions. Through the seventh annual **Mentoring and Advising Summit**, we will continue to drive towards our strong culture of student success and inclusion as we convene mentors, advisors, coaches, faculty, and administrators from around the globe to discuss new trends and best practices in mentoring and advising.

During this *virtual* summit, participants will engage with and learn about specific tools, techniques, theories, and concepts to support undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdocs as they chart goals, develop enduring networks, and sustain their pursuit of success after graduation. These aims are important as together, we work to make our institutions of higher education more dynamic and inclusive places for everyone, most especially for at-promise student populations including first-generation, income-eligible, underrepresented minority, exploratory, transfer, rural, international, and those in need of academic intervention.

Timely Topics in This Year's Summit

- Creating a sense of **#belonging** through mentoring and advising interactions
- Driving towards a culture of **#studentsuccess** for at-promise student populations
- Leveraging **#technology** tools as critical elements of our campus ecosystems
- Developing partnerships to ensure **#transfer** student success
- Understanding **#collaboration** towards holistic mentoring and advising approaches
- Extending meaningful **#discourse** opportunities to enrich mentoring and advising

Who Should Participate?

Any faculty member, staff member, administrator, graduate student, postdoc, or researcher who advises, mentors, or coaches undergraduate students, graduate students or postdocs.

Why Should You Participate?

- *It is accessible!* Thanks to our sponsors, the Summit is a world-class conference at no cost to attendees and can be engaged virtually anywhere in the world.
- *3 keynote sessions!* Our speakers are leaders in the field where you get up-to-date information on research-backed topics, trends, and successful strategies.
- *Make new connections!* You can network with colleagues who mentor, advise, and coach students and postdocs and share your innovative solutions and strategies.

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The Mentoring and Advising Summit Planning Committee will work to balance current and emerging topics, trends and successful strategies to meet the needs of individuals serving students and postdocs as formal and informal advisors, mentors and coaches.

A portion of the 2024 Mentoring and Advising Summit will highlight innovative solutions and strategies. To this end, the Mentoring and Advising Summit will feature four tracks to highlight sessions specific to those populations: 1) Undergraduate Students, 2) Graduate and Professional Students, 3) Postdoctoral Fellows and 4) UERU/Higher Education Administrators.

We invite you to submit a proposal to lead a **workshop** or **lightning talk**:

- **Workshop:** A workshop is a live one-hour webinar-style session. Workshops allow time for in-depth exploration of a topic and (somewhat) active attendee engagement through chat and Q&A. A workshop must be designed so that participants learn specific strategies that can be adapted and implemented in their respective units. Presenters will be asked to engage with participants during the synchronous workshop session timeframe on the day of the Summit. Note: breakout rooms will not be available in the Summit virtual platform.
- **Lightning Talk:** A 5-minute *pre-recorded* video focused on an emerging theory or an innovative strategy, tool, or approach implemented by a unit, department, or program that might be adapted by other units on campus. Presenters will be asked to *pre-record* and submit (in early February) their talk using a flexible format template (provided below). Lightning Talks will be uploaded to the Summit virtual platform and available for viewing throughout the conference event.

Instructions for Submitting a Proposal for a WORKSHOP

Your proposal should include:

- Primary Presenter Contact Information: name, title, institution, email address
- Co-Presenter Contact Information (if applicable): name(s), title(s), institution(s)
- Session title (15 words max.)
- Session abstract to be included in the Summit program (100 words max.)
- Background, evidence of effectiveness, references and/or related links to support the proposal (150 words max.)
- Primary impact group(s) (select all that apply): Undergraduate Students, Graduate and Professional Students, Postdocs, Alumni, Staff and Faculty, UERU/Admin
- Timely Topic alignment (select all that apply)
- Professional photo and biographies (150 words max.) of presenter and co-presenters to be included in Summit program

Instructions for Submitting a Proposal for a LIGHTNING TALK

Your proposal should include:

- Primary Presenter Contact Information: name, title, institution, email address
- Co-Presenter Contact Information (if applicable): name(s), title(s), institution(s)
- Session title (15 words max.)
- Session abstract to be included in the Summit program (100 words max.)
- Background, evidence of effectiveness, references and/or related links to support the proposal (150 words max.)
- Primary impact group(s) (select all that apply): Undergraduate Students, Graduate and Professional Students, Postdocs, Alumni, Staff and Faculty, UERU/Admin
- Timely Topic alignment (select all that apply)
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- [Flexible Format Template](#): we encourage you to utilize this resource in crafting your presentation for the pre-recorded video. Additional resources will be provided for accepted proposals.

Important Dates

Call for Proposals Opens:

November 13, 2023

Proposal Submission Deadline:

December 15, 2023

Accelevents (Summit Virtual Platform)

Training Office Hours:

February 20 at 12 p.m. and

February 21 at 2 p.m.

Learn more and submit your application at studentsuccess.pitt.edu/summit