

Request for Speaker Proposal

The 2021 Oregon and Washington State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Conference Planning Team is accepting speaker proposals for the 2021 Virtual Conference. To keep our members healthy, the conference will be held entirely online. Sessions will be held each Thursday, from April 15 through May 20 at 12 pm PT. The joint virtual conference series is anticipated to bring together an estimated 200-300 diverse food and nutrition professionals from across the Pacific Northwest.

Presentations will reflect cutting edge research and practical applications. The Oregon and Washington State Conference Planning Committees will be accepting proposals for virtual sessions through October 9, 2020.

Section I: General Guidelines

- All proposals are due on or before **October 9, 2020** by electronic submission to the e-mail address (and via the submission link) shown in Section IV.
- See section II for specific topics & format that the planning team is seeking for educational sessions.
- Only advanced sessions (Level II or III) in all suggested topic areas will be accepted. Proposed speakers should be seasoned professionals with experience in presenting virtually to professional groups.
 - Category II: Assumes that the participant has general knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is to enhance knowledge and application by the participant.
 - Category III: Assumes that the participant has thorough knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is synthesis of recent advances and future directions.
- Up to two (2) submissions per individual will be reviewed.
- Session proposals should be for either a one (1) or 1.5-hour session.
- Proposals from individuals who have not presented at a previous Oregon and Washington State conferences are particularly encouraged.
- Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.
- All conflicts of interest must be fully disclosed at time of proposal submission.

Section II: Speaker Topics & Format

- The Washington State Conference speaker selection committee is open to a wide array of topics (see above information regarding advanced sessions), including but not limited to:
 - Communication skills
 - Community nutrition and wellness
 - Culinary/food related topics
 - Cultural competency
 - Diabetes
 - Diversity/inclusion/ examining bias
 - Economic and sociocultural factors of health
 - Ethics
 - Food insecurity/hunger prevention
 - Food allergies
 - GI disorders
 - Leadership skills
 - Legislative/advocacy/policy initiatives
 - Health at every size
 - Heart disease
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy
 - Nutrition and aging
 - Supplements/herbal or alternative therapies
 - Sustainability

Section III: Evaluation Criteria

- Topic relevancy and cutting-edge or new information, the proposal's overall relevance to the identified topic areas, as well as importance and benefit to Idaho and Washington State members.
- Applicant's experience in practice, research, or presenting in the topic area.
- Financial considerations (honorarium, travel).

Section IV: Requirements and Notification

All of the following are required:

1. Completed 2020 Convention Speaker Proposal Online Form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ORWAVCspeakers>
2. Curriculum vitae, or bio and resume, for every proposed speaker.
Please limit curriculum vitae to four (4) pages maximum and email to Cara.a3d@outlook.com.
Your file name should be your last name with first initial – CV (jones,d – CV.doc)

The Planning Committees will begin discussions with proposed speakers in mid-October.

Notification of decision on all submissions will be sent via e-mail by mid-November.