



2020 CSWE Annual Program Meeting
Call for Proposals
Peer Reviewed and Invited
CURRENTLY CLOSED

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) invites proposals for the 66th Annual Program Meeting (APM) in Denver, CO, November 12–15, 2020. The conference theme—Leading Critical Conversations: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion—reflects a renewed commitment to elevating and leading the effort to attain equity, access, and inclusion in higher education and social work programs in the context of the profession’s social justice mission. CSWE invites proposals from multiple perspectives and voices that raise critical questions and issues about practices, policies, and structures that hinder or advance diversity, equity, and inclusion and that identify strategies for improving the explicit and implicit curriculum and learning environment for all participants.

The proposal submission deadline is Monday, February 24, 2020.

We encourage submissions focused on the conference theme for each of the 40 Tracks. The 2020 APM program will be developed using two proposal categories, peer-reviewed proposals and invited proposals, which are detailed below.

Peer-Reviewed Proposals

Each peer-reviewed proposal is submitted to one of the 40 Tracks. There are four presentation format options:

1. Electronic poster (e-poster; 60 minutes, up to four presenters)
2. Interactive workshop (60 minutes, up to four presenters)
3. Oral presentation (60-minute time block consisting of two 25-minute oral presentations, each to include a 5-minute Q&A; each up to three presenters)
4. Panel (60 minutes, two-to-four presenters)

Proposals will be reviewed for the following:

- Relevance of topic, study, or inquiry to CSWE members and the conference theme
- Clarity of the written proposal and focus of inquiry
- Appropriateness of research method(s) and/or conceptual foundation^a
- Robustness of analytical and/or theoretical frame

^a Please note that CSWE accepts conceptual, theoretical, and research proposals. Proposals with incomplete research findings will be reviewed if they emphasize the conceptual and theoretical framework.

- Significance for social work education, practice, research, policy, or theory
- Implications for social justice

Invited Proposals

There are five format options for invited proposals: two types of preconference workshops, CSWE Connect sessions, Hot Topic sessions, and partnership presentations.

Preconference Workshops

Two types of preconference workshops will be presented Thursday, November 12, 2020.

- **Field Education Institute** (1 hour, up to three presenters): The 2020 APM will offer an all-day Field Education Institute. This institute will focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in field education through a series of 1-hour sessions. Specific areas of interest include how field education is responding to the various needs of students (e.g., housing and food insecurities, poverty, mental health concerns neurodiversity, disability, immigration status, homophobia, sexism, racism) and how field educators can better advocate for diversity and support inclusivity in field settings that may have competing priorities and/or divergent goals.
- **Teaching Institute for Faculty** (2 hours, up to five presenters): The 2020 APM will offer a Teaching Institute designed for faculty members focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in the classroom. Sessions will be presented in 2-hour workshop formats. We seek proposals that explore how faculty members can transform their classrooms and curricula to create learning environments that celebrate today's diverse student populations and genuinely mirror their backgrounds and experiences. In this learning environment, students should learn to value and affirm the lives of others and integrate evidence-based teaching practices that promote empathy and critical thinking. They should also examine real-world problems and how social barriers create unequal treatment of target groups and related social and ethical implications. A strong foundation should be provided for the development of cognitive, affective, and behavioral skills necessary for intercultural competence.

Other relevant teaching topics for new faculty members will also be considered.

Additional Invited Proposal Options

The following presentation formats are available for sessions Friday–Sunday, November 13–15, 2020.

- **CSWE Connect** (60 minutes, up to seven presenters): CSWE commissions and councils are invited to submit proposals that highlight work that advances their charges and the mission of CSWE. Proposals should showcase any current projects and/or work being addressed. Priority will be given to proposals that relate to the theme of the conference.
- **Hot Topic** (20 minutes, up to three presenters): Presentations are on emerging and important topics for social work educators or on topics not covered by other APM presentations and related to the conference theme. Hot topics will be [TEDx-style](#) talks and will be grouped with other hot topic sessions selected.

- **Partnership Presentations** (60 minutes, up to 10 presenters): Sessions provide opportunities for social work education-related groups to make special presentations at the APM. Due to meeting space availability, each group will be limited to one accepted presentation.

Note Regarding Invited Proposals

Although invited proposals are not peer reviewed, they must follow the same procedures as defined for peer-reviewed proposals. Those submitting proposals must select only one presentation format per proposal.

Invited session proposals are reviewed by CSWE and any relevant groups based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of topic, study, or inquiry to CSWE members and the conference theme
- Clarity of the written proposal
- Significance for social work education, practice, research, policy, or theory

CSWE makes the final decision on all invited sessions based on the above criteria.

All session presenters are subject to the [2020 APM Accepted Presenter Compliance Policy](#).

Submission Instructions

Please note that all proposals are to be submitted online using the [CSWE online proposal management system](#). If you experience technical problems with the proposal submission system, e-mail cswe@confex.com.

Proposals must contain a title, overview, proposal, references, and learning objectives. You will be able to copy and paste this information from another document. Text limits for these proposal components follow below:

- Title: 12 words
- Overview: 50 words
- Learning objectives: up to three, up to 50 words each; at least one is mandatory
- Proposal text: 750 words, including citations
- References: 500 words (bibliographies should not be submitted with proposals)

CSWE hopes to have as many people participate in the conference as possible. Therefore, an individual can be listed as a presenter on a maximum of three proposals regardless of presentation format. This limit does not apply to contributors who are not presenters. All presenters must be available to present at any time Friday through Sunday, November 13–15, 2020. CSWE cannot accept special requests for presentation dates or times. Presenters who cannot guarantee availability to present on any of these days should be listed as contributors.

Presenter/Speaker Requirements

You do not need to be a CSWE member to submit a proposal. However, if your proposal is accepted for presentation, the presenter must attend the conference. This requirement is applicable for all presentation formats. The category of a contributor has been added as an optional role for all proposal types, and you may designate contributors on your proposal. Contributors are individuals who

contributed to the work but who will not attend the APM to participate in the presentation. Contributors are not required to meet presenter compliance policy requirements.

To ensure presenters are not disqualified from presenting at the 2020 APM, review the 2020 APM Accepted Presenter Compliance Policy. If you have questions about the call for proposals and/or proposal submission process, please contact us at APMProposals@cswe.org.

Please visit our [website](#) to access the following PDFs: Proposal Categories, Proposal Structure, 2020 APM Accepted Presenter Compliance Policy, and FAQs.

Submission Deadline: **Monday, February 24, 2020, 11:59 EST**
We look forward to seeing you in Denver, CO!