

# SOTA 2026 Call for Proposals

## Directions:

### Overview

We are excited that you want to submit a proposal to SOTA this year.

- You will submit your proposal right into Whova.
- If you've been to SOTA before, you might already have a log in for Whova. If not, you can make a new account.
- The [CFP Link](#) will take you right to the log in page.
- You have until April 10, 2026 to finish your proposal.
- PLEASE NOTE: If you start a proposal, but do not finish, it will save your work until you submit.

### Questions to Answer:

Any questions with a \* are required.

### Your Information

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email Address\*

Affiliation (Company, association, university...)\*

Job Title

Tell us about yourself and any work or education history you want to share.

Biography\*

### Submission Details

Co-speakers

Add any additional speakers who will participate in your talk at the event.

Title\*

What type of college or university is the primary focus of this proposal?\*

- 4-Year Private University/ College
- 4-Year Public University/ College
- 2-Year Private University/ College
- 2-Year Public University/ College
- Career and Technical Education
- Applicable to All Types

- Other (explain)

Who will benefit most from your presentation?\*

- People new to IPSE
- People who already know IPSE basics
- People who already know a lot about IPSE
- Everyone would benefit

Tell us about your presentation as if talking to a general, non-academic audience. Want to know more about plain language and how to do it? Look at [this article](#) for more information on plain language.

Plain Language Abstract (10 points) (maximum 1000 characters)\*

Choose up to SIX categories that fit your proposed session: (Select up to 6 options)\*

You can see what we mean by each tag [HERE](#).

- Academics
- Accreditation
- Campus Collaboration
- Community Collaboration
- Creating New Programs
- Employment and Finding Work
- For Families
- For Self Advocates
- Health, Mental Health, and Well-Bing
- Internships and Work Training Experiences
- Opening Doors for All
- Policy and Advocacy
- Program and Family Collaboration
- Regional and State Alliances
- Research
- Residential Life
- Summer Programming
- Systems Change
- TPSID
- Transition Into College
- Transition Out of College

Select the MAIN category that describes your proposed session.\*

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Descriptions of the different session types can be found [HERE](#).

Session Type\*

This will help inform the reviewers how long you expect your talk to take.

- Full Presentation
- Short Presentation (Combined)
- Roundtable Discussion
- Poster
- SOTA Shark Tank

Would you be open to another session type?\*

- Yes
- No

If you choose to do a POSTER or SOTA Shark Tank, your submission will take you to the final photography and recording agreement. You will then submit.

If you choose to do a Full Presentation, Short Presentation (Combined), or Roundtable Discussion, you will continue to answer the following questions.

*Importance of the Topic to the Field (10 points)\**

Why is this topic important or necessary to talk about? Does your topic connect to a gap in research? Does your topic explain a new solution to a problem?

*Participation (10 points)\**

How does your session encourage more participation of students with Intellectual Disability in college?

*Target audience (5 points)\**

Who should go to this session? (for example, IPSE staff, faculty, directors, students, or families) What are you presenting that will be important for them? Is it for new or well-established programs?

*Proof (10 points)\**

Is there evidence or proof this practice or content works? How will you show the audience how this practice or content works, or helps?

*Audience Engagement (10 points)\**

What are some ways you will get the audience involved or participating during your session?

*Session Objectives (10 points)\**

List 3-4 things the audience should take away or learn from your session?

*Students (5 points)\**

How will your session address the range of lived experiences of students?

*List 3-5 keywords that summarize your topic\**

Add each keyword or key phrase separately. These can be the same as your tags. We are unable to remove this question.

Check the box if you agree to the statement: I agree that, if selected, the session may be photographed or recorded and later shown by State of the Art.\*