

**2020 ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 4-7**

**SAN JUAN  
PUERTO RICO**

**NO STUDENT IS AN ISLAND:  
THE RICH PORT OF ADVISING AND CONNECTION**

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Dear Colleagues,

The 2020 NACADA Annual Conference offers outstanding opportunities for professional advisors, peer mentors, faculty advisors, administrators and graduate students to share best practices, engage in scholarly research, and network with colleagues from all over the world. NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising continues to be the premier source of support and professional development within our profession and continues to be an excellent use of professional development funds.

This year's theme, No Student is an Island: The Rich Port of Advising and Connection, expresses the idea that we are not just one individual faculty member, staff member, or student, but that we are part of a greater whole that brings different contributions to our profession. As such we can help our students to reach their full potential and the students can help us to understand how to aid future generations. It reminds us that we, as a profession, are here to insure our students' academic success. The rich port is a nod to our beautiful host territory of Puerto Rico and its culture, which celebrates uniqueness and individual expression.

The conference committee is seeking proposals that will demonstrate innovative ideas for supporting students in their academic endeavors and showcase programs that build the framework of resources that guide students to their academic goals. Proposals are welcome from advisors, peer mentors, administrators, and faculty of all levels of expertise and experience. We encourage proposals from diverse institution types that will represent and be relevant to a wide demographic of members. Without your sharing and participation, the profession of academic advising cannot continue to grow its impact and importance on our campuses.

Puerto Rico has a rich history of social and cultural opportunities for learning, exploration, and enjoyment. We are excited to bring the NACADA Annual Conference to San Juan, Puerto Rico (October 4-7, 2020).

**Jonathan Hallford**, Auburn University  
*2020 Conference Chair*

**Submit a Proposal >>**

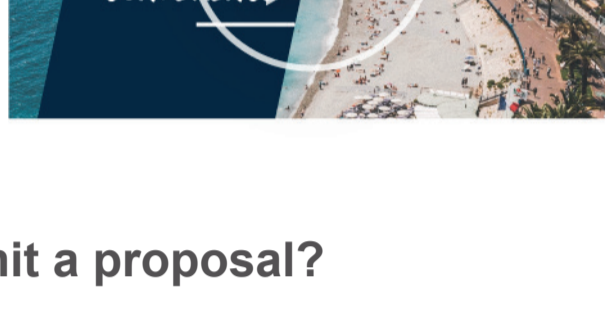
**ACCEPTING PROPOSALS**

**DEC. 13, 2019**

— THROUGH —

**FEB. 20, 2020**

**Watch this video to see what San Juan has to offer!**



### Why should I submit a proposal?

- International exposure for your ideas as well as your institution
- Secure institutional support for sharing your advising practice and scholarship
- Further the body of knowledge in your area of interest and shape the future of our profession

### Tracks for Submission

Academic Major Specific

Advising Administration

Advising Special Populations

Assessment and Evaluation

Career Advising

Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

Faculty and Peer Advising/Mentoring

Health and Well-Being

International/Global Advising

Prospective Students and the First-Year Experience

Student Development, Theory, and Research

Student Persistence, Retention, and Academic Skills

Technology and Social Media

Training and Development

**Submit a proposal to present at the annual conference!  
See what others said about last year's annual conference!**

*"I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to present at the NACADA Annual Conference each year for the past few years. It has always been a great experience! The proposal process has also been simple and straight forward to navigate. I have consistently found the audiences to be engaged, intelligent, supportive and kind. The experience of preparing has been great for keeping my skills and knowledge current. I continue to look forward to any opportunities to make a contribution to the NACADA advising community in the future."*

— **Scott Hosford, Brigham Young University**

*"Presenting at the NACADA Annual Conference is a great experience. Crafting the proposal with my advising teammates was an exciting time and the submission process could not have been easier. After our proposal was accepted, we received great feedback from the Proposal Committee that helped us really dial in our presentation. At the Conference, when we were finished presenting, an audience member came up and told us how helpful our material was for her. Her comments and praise made all the hard work worth it. I am already starting to think of presentation ideas for the 2020 NACADA Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. If you're on the fence about submitting a proposal, just try it. You'll be glad you did. I can't think of a better way to contribute to the Association and to give back to the field of advising."*

— **Brantley Blair, Virginia Tech**

### Who Should Submit a Proposal Application?

NACADA welcomes proposals from diverse groups of professionals to include advisors, administrators, faculty, counselors, career development specialists, researchers, graduate students, and others connected to the field of advising. Novice as well as experienced presenters are encouraged to submit a proposal. If you have advanced techniques or proven practices to share that address higher education's academic advising needs or that promote the advancement of the advising profession's role in enhancing student learning and development, please consider submitting a proposal application.

Forward thinkers, we want to hear from you as well! Proposals are also welcomed if you have done an extensive literature review on advising topics, have an innovative theory to propose, or have research results to share. Remember that professional development is a great investment, and the NACADA Annual Conference is the perfect forum to share and learn! We hope that you will submit a proposal to present at this year's conference!

### Session Formats

#### Poster Session

Printed in the form of a bulletin display and delivered primarily through the use of graphics and handout materials. Participants have the opportunity to interact on a one-to-one basis with the presenter. This format is well suited for presentations of specific campus programs or results of a research study. All posters are presented during a one hour highly interactive session.

#### Concurrent Session

**Lecture/Discussion:** One hour session that can include lecture, demonstrations, and/or participant discussion about topics relevant to the field of academic advising.

**Panel:** One hour panel session where speakers address a specific advising topic each from their own perspective. Panel sessions are highly interactive with panelists representing multiple points of view from different institutions. Time is allowed for audience input and questions.

#### Preconference Workshop

In-depth, interactive, value-added presentations that can vary from two to four hours in length. Participants pay an extra fee for workshops and expect tangible takeaways. These should be highly participatory workshops that cannot be effectively addressed in another format.

### Important Dates to Remember

- Beginning December 13, 2019, proposals may be **submitted online**
- February 20, 2020: Proposals received after this date will not be reviewed. Early submissions are appreciated.
- First week of April 2020: All persons listed as presenters will be notified with the results of the proposal review process.

### Evaluation Criteria

Presentation titles should be descriptive of the content of the session. They need not reflect the title of the conference. Proposals and abstracts will be reviewed by fellow NACADA members with expertise in the track areas you choose and by members of the 2020 conference committee, using these criteria:

- Clearly stated purpose and objectives
- Reflective of good writing practices
- Timeliness of the subject matter
- Topic's contribution to the advising field
- Creativity in an approach to a situation or in ways to manage it
- Adaptability of ideas to a variety of institutional settings
- When applicable: Presentation grounded in research
- When applicable: Presentation includes issues of equity, inclusion, and/or diversity

### Note

- Due to budgetary considerations, it is not possible to offer either an honorarium or a waiver of registration fees to presenters. This includes panels and students.
- All presenters are expected to submit electronic versions of handouts or other materials used in their sessions to NACADA, prior to the conference. The material is published to a web page and accessible to conference attendees.
- All presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and pay the appropriate fee.
- Scheduling 400 sessions is a complex process. If accepted, your session may be scheduled in any time slot. Preconference workshops are October 4; all other sessions are October 5-7. **Do not make travel plans that limit your availability to present during conference dates until you receive notice (in June) of your presentation date.**

### 2020 Annual Conference Committee

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**Jonathan Hallford**  
*Auburn University*

#### Concurrent Sessions

**Joshua Johnson**  
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