Session Information

Presentation Length: The standard session time will be 1 ¼ hour long. We are willing to make exceptions and try different session lengths ranging from 30 minutes to 2.5 hours. Please indicate below the session length you would prefer and the rationale of the request.

*Please note that 2.5-hour sessions are rare. Applicants must provide sufficient detail in their session proposals and an explanation of why the extra time is necessary.

Presentation Topics: Presentation topics should be aligned with the GPC competencies, are listed in question 9 of the application and can also be found on the GPCI website at www.grantcredential.org.

Learning Tracks: Conference attendees represent grant professionals from diverse areas of practice. Each applicant should identify the learning track (question 10 of the application) that aligns with the topic of the proposed presentation so that we can ensure that we have sessions for every track.

Attendees’ Professional Levels: While beginners to grantsmanship are welcome and encouraged to attend the conference, GPA is especially interested in increasing the number of presentations targeting intermediate to advanced professionals, who are most of our conference attendees.

Discounted Conference Fees: GPA is pleased to offer a 30% registration discount for presenters whose sessions are selected for the conference. No other compensation or discounts are available. Travel, hotel, and other expenses are the responsibility of the presenter. Presenters whose sessions are immediately before or after a meal function AND who do not register for the conference will receive a complimentary meal.

Presenter Responsibilities: All presentation handouts are required in electronic format for web and/or conference app access (pdf format). Handouts and all presentation materials will be required electronically by the October 15, 2021 deadline for electronic distribution. GPA recommends a handout for each session that attendees can use to take notes with. Your handout does not have to be your PowerPoint presentation but perhaps an outline of main points (learning objectives) you plan to address with room for notes in between each. GPA will NOT provide handouts at the conference, attendees are responsible for printing and bringing with them or using an electronic device to access.

Marketing Opportunities for Presenters: Please note that overt marketing of services, materials, or products by presenters is not permitted during presentations. Presenters interested in marketing their services and materials should contact GPA Headquarters about Exhibiting and Sponsorship opportunities as we have vendor sessions available.

How Sessions Are Selected: The GPA Professional Education Committee receive all session applications, group them into Learning Tracks, and read and score each application. A GPA Staff member contacts every reference provided for a speaker and shares these with the appropriate
committee member, or the committee uses the reviews of previous presentation done at the GPA Annual Conference within the last three years. The Committee Chair works with GPA Headquarters to compile the scores and submits a panel of recommendations that the GPA Staff reviews. GPA Staff makes all final decisions regarding speakers. Committee members are NOT allowed to contact applicants at any point during the application process. The Committee’s review criteria are included on this website so that all applicants know how their proposals are being scored.