

Request for Webinar Proposals – Current Events

The American Anthropological Association is currently inviting members to submit webinar proposals that provide anthropological insights into social, ethical, or policy issues. Submissions for this series should be topical, timely, and relevant to current events.

We invite members to be creative when approaching the theme of anthropological insights into social, ethical, or policy issues. Below are example topics, but members are welcome to submit additional, scholarship-informed, presentations that align with the overarching theme.

Topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- Education Reform
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Security, Intelligence, and Militarism
- Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Human Rights Issues
- Global Climate Change
- Health Promotion and Eliminating Health Disparities
- Migration and Displacement
- Disaster Preparedness / Response
- Cultural Heritage Preservation
- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Community-Based Anthropology

Submission Criteria

Proposals must be submitted online via the webinar submission form. Proposals can be submitted as individual or group presentations (limited to three speakers). Group presentations must identify each presenter in the submission form.

All webinar submissions must include the following information in a brief, 1-2 paragraph, proposal attached as a PDF to the webinar submission form:

- Clearly identify the purpose and objectives of the session.
- Identify the intended audience(s) for the event
- How does the presentation provide anthropological insights into social, ethical, or policy issues?
- What supplemental materials and resources will be made available to attendees for access after the event?
- How will active learning techniques, such as polling questions or breakout rooms, be used in your presentation?
- How does this presentation attract audiences outside of anthropology, including those with interdisciplinary interests?

The session's abstract and official title will be required upon selection.

Selected webinars will be scheduled as 30-minute or 60-minute sessions, based on the format and content of the presentation.

Review Criteria

All webinar submissions will be reviewed using the following questions:

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the least and 5 being the most, to what extent does the webinar session:

- Provide anthropological insights to social, ethical, or policy issues?
- Identify an appropriate target audience for the topic?
- Propose a timely and relevant topic for the field of anthropology?
- Draw connections between the proposed topic, AAA resources, and what students are learning in classrooms and/or practitioners in the field?
- Outline clear objectives that align with the goal of providing anthropological insights to social, ethical, or policy issues?
- Offer a format that is both engaging for the speaker and participants?
- Allow for community building and/or networking amongst attendees?
- Have the potential to draw interdisciplinary interests or sponsors?

Presenter Expectations and General Timeline

If accepted, AAA staff will coordinate and establish a timeline for your event and discuss promotion.

One month before your event date, send slide deck (if applicable), script, and list of terms to the AAA staff point of contact. Before sending, ensure all materials comply with the AAA accessibility standards. AAA staff will only provide an accessibility check.

Two weeks before your event date, attend a dress rehearsal with AAA staff and all participants.

One week before your event send any final questions to your AAA staff point of contact.