Call for Presentations

We are excited to invite presentation proposals for the **2026 Research Analytics Summit** to be held April 19-22, 2026, in Newport, Rhode Island, at the Newport Marriott Hotel and Spa. The summit is the annual flagship event of the REACH grant (OIA-2444978) which will:

- Develop and build research analytics and AI expertise,
- Lead to increases in workload efficiencies and greater job satisfaction using responsible data-informed decision making and advanced AI technologies within a variety of research administration areas,
- Share best practices to expand robust research analytics use and effectiveness,
- Provide scalable options in research analytics for any type/size of institution,
- Integrate responsible research evaluation and assessment practices,
- Create a research analytics mentorship program, and
- Expand the breadth of research analytics, AI, and responsible assessment approaches, through future opportunities to build capacity, professional development, and an international community of practice.

The call for presentation proposals is **NOW OPEN** to all professionals interested in research analytics, including international (non-US) institutions, research organizations, nonprofits, and industry partners. We **strongly encourage collaborative and diverse submissions**, including but not limited to:

- Representation from a wide range of institution types based on size, institutional mission, and geographic location.
- Collaborative presentations with multiple speakers from different institutions, departments, or professional disciplines.
- Consideration throughout the presentation of diverse skillsets and interests to allow all attendees to benefit from your presentation content.

With your submission, you will be consenting to publicly sharing your materials in an open access repository following the event (past events: https://reach.uky.edu/summit). You also consent that your session may be audio recorded and available along with presentation content.

Note for Industry Partners: Sessions from commercial providers are limited to companies that have sponsored the event. Please see our sponsorship page for more information. If your company is interested in presenting or co-presenting, please ensure that you are a confirmed sponsor prior to submitting your proposal.

Session Topics/Tracks: We welcome submissions in the following tracks. When you submit your proposal, you will need to pick a single, best track. We recognize that your topic may fit into multiple, but request that you select only one track. You will be able to detail the multiple topics of your presentation in the abstract.

1. **Building analytics expertise.** This may include advanced Excel, business intelligence dashboards, visualizations, coding, data engineering, and other technical skills.

2. **Best practices in research analytics.** This may include data governance, mentorship, hiring strategies, reporting tips and tricks, toolkits, and other general best practices.

3. **Responsible research evaluation & metrics.** This may include the careful and curated institution or team level adoption of metrics, evaluation, and other standards towards faculty, researcher, student, team, organization, or other benchmarking.

4. **Other.** This includes all other topics, such as survey-specific (HERD, US World and News) topics, soft skill development, etc. Be creative!!

<u>Session Level:</u> If you submit a session that contains technical material (e.g. coding, Excel, visualizations) you will also need to select the appropriate level: beginner, intermediate, advanced.

<u>Session Formats:</u>

We offer three types of presentation formats to cater to different types of learning:

1. **45-Minute Concurrent Sessions**
   o Designed for sharing research, case studies, or innovative ideas in a concise and interactive presentation.
   o Please include enough time **in the 45 minutes** to allow for questions, discussion, or any other audience participation you'd like to include.
2. **15-Minute Lightning Talks**
   o These quick sessions are meant to showcase a single innovation, use case, or design by 1-2 presenters. Lightning talks may be grouped together in one room and will be facilitated by a REACH steering committee member to reduce time in between presentations.
   o Please include enough time in the 15 min if you will take questions. If you would like to entertain discussion, this format is probably not the most suitable for you.
3. **2-3 Hour Workshops**
   o Max 3-hour workshops designed to deliver in-depth, hands-on training.
   o Sessions should provide participants with practical tools or skills that can be applied directly to their work.
   o Workshops will be held Sunday afternoon 4/19 or Wednesday morning 4/22 and will have limited number of seats due to room size. Please include details in your submission if you would like to limit seats (e.g. the training is ideally for 10 people only to maximize trainer-trainee individualized time).
   o Companies interested in hosting a workshop should see the sponsorship information for more details.

Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline: December 15, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: January 15, 2026
- Presenter Confirmation and Acceptance: January 31, 2026

Please submit your proposals by December 15, 2025, using the following link:
https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6zcqaAAnEKxjp8a

We look forward to receiving your proposals and appreciate your contribution to advancing the field of research analytics!

If you have questions, please visit our conference website or email the planning committee:

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