

Proposal Rubric Criteria

This rubric has three main foci are engagement, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and relevance.

Engagement is defined as active learning strategies to ensure participants are fully engaged within the virtual or in-person environment and ensure that the proposal objectives and outcomes are achieved. We assess engagement with the following criteria:

- Facilitation Timing
- Potential for Participant Interaction
- Assessment of Learning (formative/summative)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is defined as the focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our mission is to increase visibility and discussion of diversity issues; to help develop inclusive and pervasive environments for all engineers to thrive; and to facilitate and encourage use of translatable strategies that enable both bottom up and top down empowerment.

Relevance is the alignment of proposals and to the needs of both the Engineering and Education communities.

- Engineering
- Education Community

Each proposal will be evaluated on a 0-5 pt scale for each main focus. Reviewers will use the defined criteria below to help facilitate their scoring.

Proposal Content				
		Needs Improvement (0)	Excellent (5)	
Engagement	Facilitation of Time	 Over 50% of time is use in lecture More than 20 minutes of consistent lecture Timeline is unpractical for session proposed (i.e. # breakout sessions too high, too many activities) Lack of time for participant questions and/or processing of material No timeline proposed or not clearly identified 	 Lecture and activity time are well balanced: less than 50% non-interactive time, no more than 15 minutes of consistent lecture, no more than 30 minutes of lecture total Time allocated for participant feedback and/or questions Clearly planned and realistic timeline provided with proposal 	

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	Potential for Participant Interaction	 No planned activities Only plans to use breakout rooms or small group/pair time Discussion time and topic not structured (timing, what/how shared out) Poor explanation of activity/tool use (i.e. lack of detail, inappropriate use) 	 Use of Zoom and tools (i.e. whiteboards, polls, apps) Procedures in place for discussion time (i.e. who talks for share out) Clear topic and discussion product for breakouts Cues and timers present for individual and/or group time
	Assessment of Learning	 No assessment planned Only end of session assessment planned Assessment is loose/unstructured (i.e. does anyone have any questions?) Too much time between learning and assessment (i.e. 45 minutes without any chance for assessment) 	 Formative and summative assessment planned Assessment at incorporated into the workshop to build participant understand (not only to provide feedback to facilitators) Assessments occur periodically, to prevent overload of content. Formative assessments or structures with specific questions/activities that directly align to learning outcomes.
DEI	DEI	 Lack of audience member focus Outcomes and content mentions DEI focus for does align with audience focus No facilitator motivation provided Lack of acknowledgment of privilege that provides context for work Session does not contain sufficient citations to base presentation 	 Clear DEI audience focus (i.e. women in general, Hispanic women, neurodivergent, visible and invisible disability, LGBTQ+, etc.) Outcomes and content of session align with DEI audience focus Facilitators demonstrate motivation for presenting in context of their privilege (insider/outsider) Session includes relevant citations by leaders in that area (i.e. grounded in literature)
Relevance	Engineering	 General engineering focus mentioned only, not specific population/application STEM focus instead of specifically engineering (i.e. not applicable to engineering) 	 Facilitators clearly identify field and/or level of engineering (i.e. freshman engineers, mechanical engineers in industry, engineering faculty) Clearly identify why engineering (not just a STEM topic)
	Education	 Action items not clearly identified or stated Educational application unclear or missing Too specific of impact area (i.e. only for their company or department) 	 Facilitators clearly identify action items for educational application (i.e. theory to practice) Provides community-based scenarios or relevance (broad impact)