

This document is for reference only. It is meant to help you prepare your submission for the Natural Hazards Workshop. All final submissions must be made through the online submission form available here: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/call-for-ideas>

Natural Hazards Workshop Idea Submission Form

Thank you for submitting a proposal to the **51st Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop**, to be held **June 14-17, 2026** at the [Omni Interlocken Hotel](#) in Broomfield, Colorado.

Getting Started

Please begin by reading the 2026 theme statement, [Stronger Together: Building Coalitions for Disaster Risk Reduction](#). While we welcome submissions related to this year's theme, we also strongly encourage ideas focused on other pressing topics. We want to know what **you** want to share with the hazards and disaster community!

Submission Criteria

Submissions will be accepted through **5:00 p.m. MST on Wednesday, January 7, 2026**. *If you work for an agency or organization that is undergoing a transition and you need more time to submit, please email us at hazards.workshop@colorado.edu.*

Please only submit a session idea if you plan to attend the Workshop **in person** at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield, Colorado. There will **not** be a virtual option to present. We also ask that you only submit one session idea at a time. For additional ideas, please submit a new form.

By submitting an idea, **you agree that you and any speakers you invite will pay their own registration and travel expenses**. Moderators and speakers will receive a \$50 discount off full registration pricing. Thank you for understanding that we are an academic non-profit organization with limited resources and cannot cover registration and travel costs for speakers or other participants.

Ways to Contribute

The primary goals for Natural Hazards Workshop contributors are to: 1) **share** recent research, policies, practice, or other information that can reduce harm and suffering from disasters; and 2) **generate conversations** across disciplinary and organizational divides that promote learning from one another. We also welcome creative submissions that

encourage engagement through conversations, activities, games, and other unique session ideas.

In this spirit, we have a variety of session types to share your knowledge and expertise.

Plenary or Concurrent Panel Sessions: 60-to-90-minute sessions with one moderator and up to five speakers who will present on a common topic, answer compelling questions, and engage the audience in discussion.

Research, Practice, and Policy Sessions: 60-minute sessions that focus specifically on projects or case studies that demonstrate the successful application of research to reduce disaster risk.

TED-Style Talks: 5–7-minute individual presentations in a TED Talk format. These talks are opportunities to share a big idea in research, policy, or practice that is new, interesting, and evidence based.

Training Sessions: 60-to-90-minute sessions that raise awareness around a specific topic and increase professional skills for attendees.

Networking Roundtables: 60-to-90-minute sessions organized around a specific topic. These sessions will allow space for attendees to come together to share ideas and network.

Not Sure? We invite you to submit your idea and the Workshop planning committee will help decide which session type will best suit your contribution.

-----Begin Submission-----

Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Title

Affiliation

Email

Phone Number

Professional Role

Please check the box(es) that most accurately describes your professional role(s). We gather this information as part of our commitment to building sessions that include a diverse mix of professionals across sectors.

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Hazards Practitioner
- ☐ Policy Maker
- ☐ Private Sector Representative
- ☐ Non-Profit or Philanthropic Sector Representative

- ☐ Student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Other, please describe [TEXT BOX]

Biography (Max 75 words)

Please tell us about your professional experience related to the session idea you are submitting. For example, if you are submitting an idea focused on children and disasters, please include information that explains your background and experience in this area.

[TEXT BOX]

Idea Submission

Preferred Contribution Style

Please select one or more of the following session types. Depending on the submissions we receive and space in our program, you may be asked to participate in a session type different than requested.

- ☐ Plenary or Concurrent Panel Session
- ☐ Research, Practice, and Policy Session
- ☐ TED-Style Talk
- ☐ Training Session
- ☐ Networking Roundtable
- ☐ Any of the Above
- ☐ Other: We are always happy to hear new ideas for session types! Please describe:
[TEXT BOX]

Big Idea (Max 30 words)

In one sentence, please tell us the “big idea” for your contribution.

[Text Box]

Theme

Is your idea related to the theme: [*Stronger Together: Building Coalitions for Disaster Risk Reduction*](#)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, the following appears:

Proposal (Max 250 words)

Please provide a brief description of the coalition or coalition-building effort you would like to highlight during your Workshop session. This should include one or more elements of coalition building outlined in the theme statement: *purpose, people, partnerships, processes, or progress*. Be sure to identify the primary focus of your session, key action your coalition is working on, and what the audience will learn.

[TEXT BOX]

How do you plan to engage the audience and encourage interaction in this session?

[TEXT BOX]

If no, the following appears:

Proposal (Max 250 words)

Please expand on your big idea and tell us why this topic is important, what will be discussed, if it relates to a recent disaster, and how the Workshop audience will benefit from this information. We encourage submissions that focus on new policies, research projects, or advancements in practice in the hazards and disaster field.

[Text Box]

How do you plan to engage the audience and encourage interaction in this session?

[Text Box]

Speaker Suggestions

- ☐ I would like to suggest additional speakers to join the session if my idea is chosen.
- ☐ I do not have a suggestion for additional speakers at this time.

If yes, the following appears:

Please enter the name(s) and email address(es) of up to five speakers and one moderator that you would like to see participate in this session, including yourself. Please only suggest speakers **who you know** and who have **indicated interest in and ability to attend the Workshop**. We will contact you before reaching out to any suggested speakers. Please note that all invited speakers will be expected to **pay for their own registration and travel costs**.

Speaker

Name:

Email:

Affiliation:

Area(s) of Expertise:

Click to Add an Additional Speaker

The Natural Hazards Center planning committee will assess submissions based on space in the program and alignment with topical areas. We recognize the important contributions of everyone in the field. However, given the volume of submissions we receive, we are unable to accept all ideas. Additionally, some ideas may need to be modified or combined to fit the program. If you have any questions, please reach out to hazards.workshop@colorado.edu.

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Check Boxes:

- ☐ If I am assigned a role on the program, I agree to register for the Workshop NO LATER than **April 10, 2026**. I understand that if I do not register by the deadline my name and contribution may be removed from the program.

-----End Submission-----