

51st Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop

Hosted by the
Natural Hazards Center
University of Colorado Boulder

Workshop: June 14-17, 2026
Researchers Meeting: June 17-18, 2026
Practitioners Meeting: June 18, 2026



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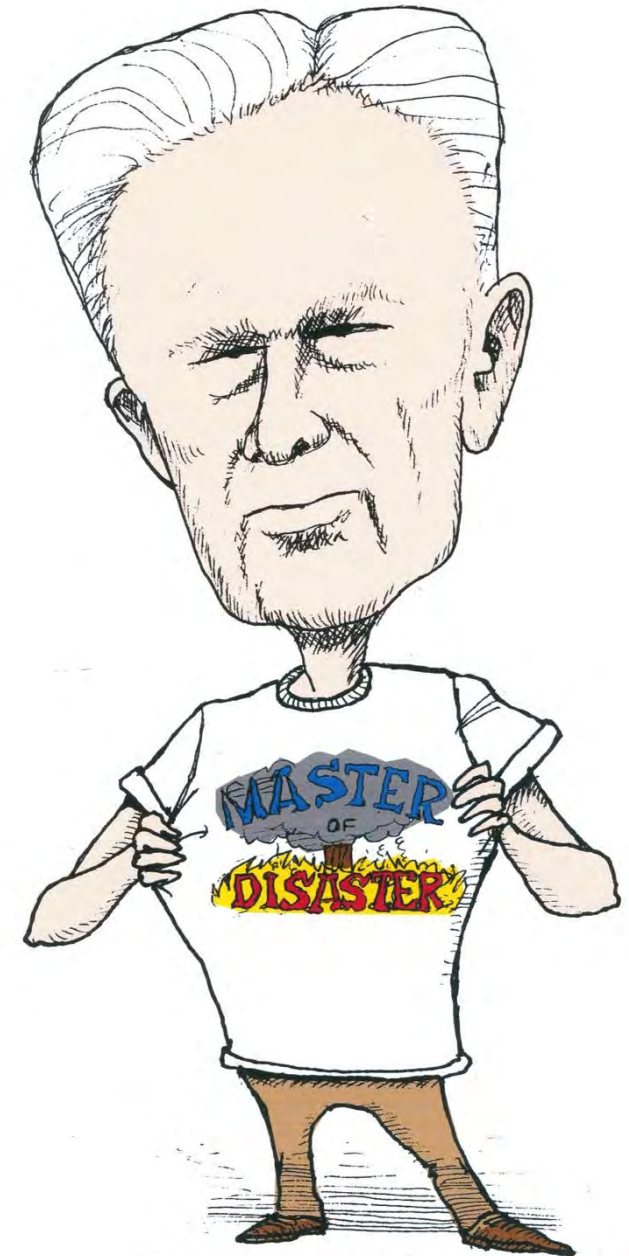


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Workshop History & Purpose



“Workshops provide a ready opportunity to exchange detailed information and to argue the merits of various perspectives, but they need to be attended by professionals from the full range of disciplines and by policy makers from the various levels of government.” –Gilbert F. White



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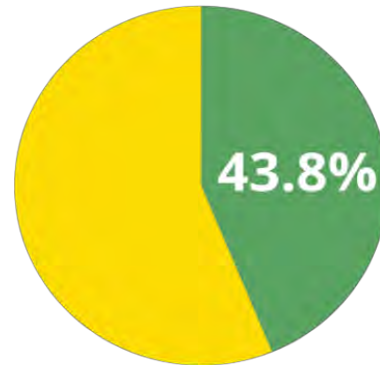
2025 Attendees at-a- Glance

Registrations

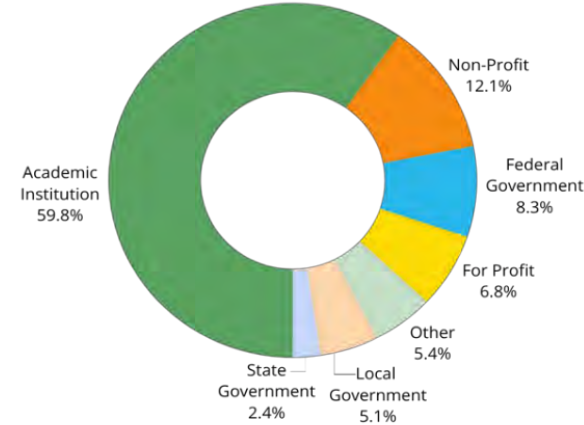
701 people registered for the
Natural Hazards Workshop



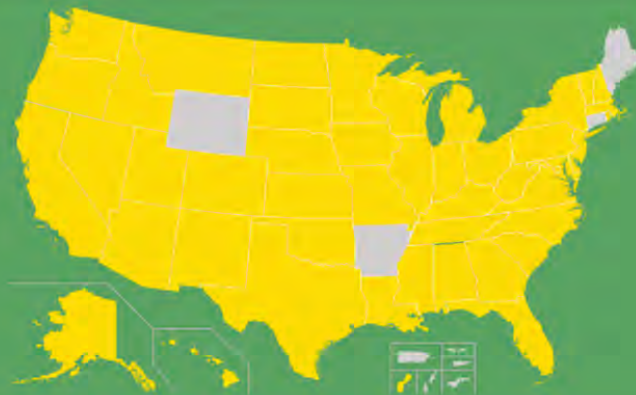
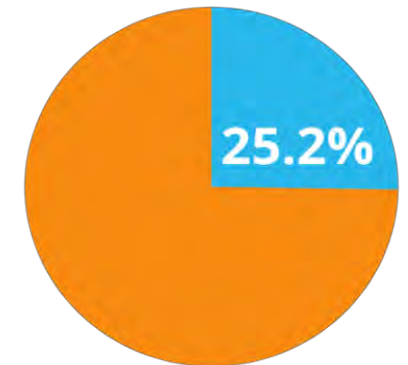
First-Time Attendees



Attendee Sectors



Student Attendees



Attendees represented

46 U.S. states

1 U.S. territory

12 additional nations



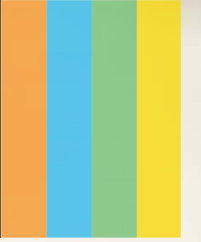
Workshop Traditions

- *The People*
- Monday Morning Self-Introductions
- Sessions Start and End on Time – Really!
- AFZ – Acronym Free Zone
- Guided by a Theme and Need to Assess Challenges, Progress, and Recent Events
- Multiple Session Types
- Lots of Time for Discussion – *Everyone* Has Something Important to Share
- Long Breaks and Lunches
- BBQ in Boulder

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Stronger Together: Building Coalitions for Disaster Risk Reduction



hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/theme



2026 Natural Hazards Workshop Q&A Session



IDEA SUBMISSION PROCESS



Ways to Contribute

- Primary Goals for Workshop Sessions
 1. **Share** recent research, policies, practice, or other information that can reduce harm and suffering from disasters
 2. **Generate conversations** across disciplinary and organizational divides to promote learning from one another

Submit Your Ideas Now!:

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Call for Ideas

- The [Theme Statement](#)
- We are interested in disaster risk reduction (DRR) coalition building submissions that focus on:
 - Purpose
 - People
 - Partnerships
 - Processes
 - Progress
- Other Pressing Hazards and Disaster Topics Strongly Encouraged!

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Session Types

- Plenary Sessions
- Full Panel Concurrent Sessions
- Training Sessions
- TED-Style Talks
- Networking Roundtables
- More!



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Tips for a Successful Submission

- Read the submission guidelines carefully
- Be creative!
- Tell a new and interesting story
- Write for the diverse Workshop audience
- Meet word count criteria and check for spelling and grammar errors
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit
- Reach out to planning team and ask questions!

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Submission Reminders

- Submissions are due **January 7, 2026**
 - We will not accept late submissions or submission via email
- Sessions will be held **in-person** at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield, Colorado
- Speakers must **pay for their own travel and registration expenses.**
- Panelists—including moderators and speakers—receive a **\$50 registration discount**



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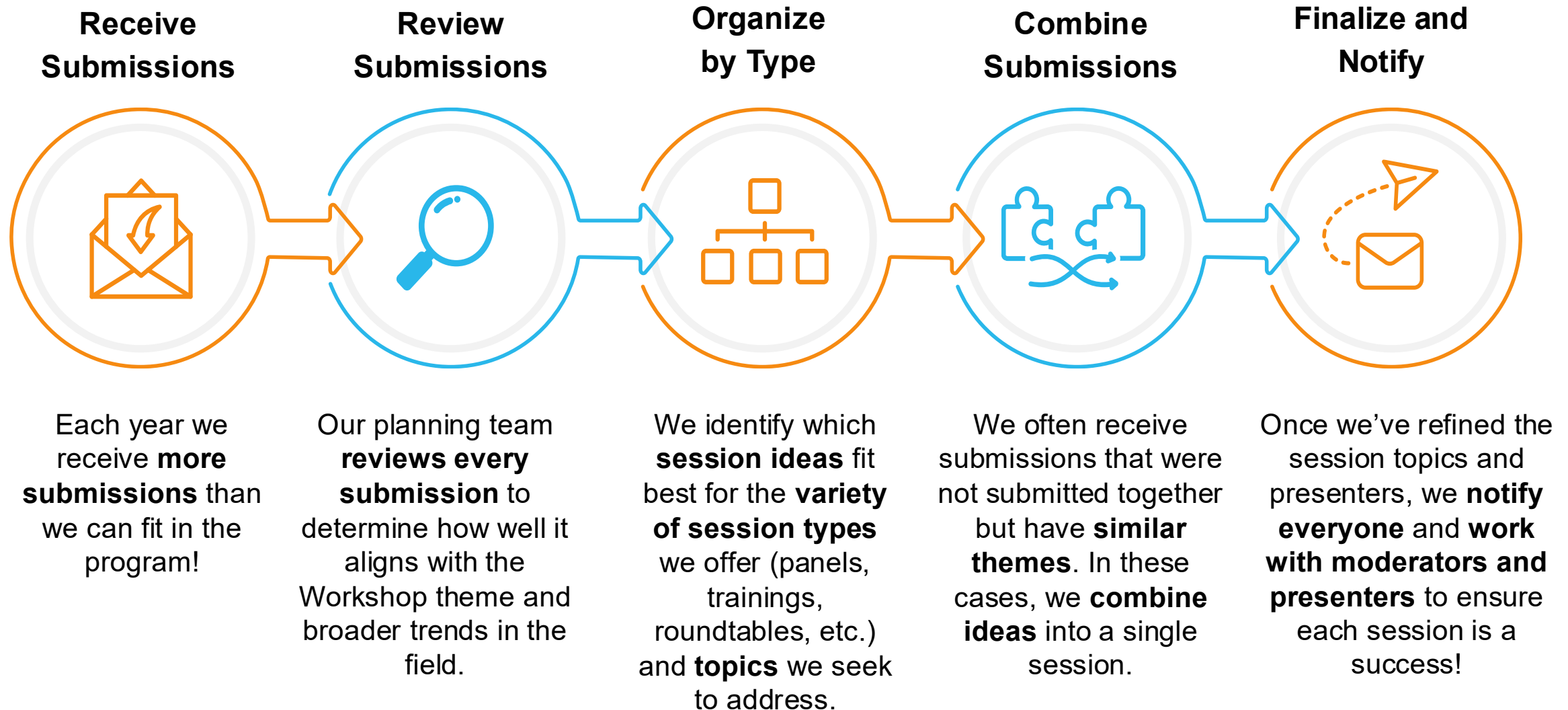
Selection Process

- Workshop Planning Committee **reviews and scores** all submissions.
- What We Look For:
 - **Clear and novel ideas** that cover multiple perspectives related to a given topic.
 - Ideas and panels that include **diverse perspectives**.
 - High quality, professional, and **well-written submissions**.
 - **Speaker expertise** on topic submitted.
 - Conversations that would **benefit the field** to discuss and debate together.
- Due to large number of submissions and **limited space**, even those that score well during the review process may not be accepted. Sometimes we also combine submissions.



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Selection Process Overview



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Additional Ways to Participate



Poster Abstracts and Research Highlights

- **Poster Abstracts Due: February 6, 2026**
- New Poster Guidelines This Year!
- Poster Sessions
 - **Sunday, June 14 and Monday, June 15**
 - Present in person on assigned evening
 - Bring a 4ft. X 4ft. printed poster and submit PDF for viewing online and on screens at the Workshop
- **Research and Practice Highlights Due: June 6, 2025**

Submission Guidelines:

hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/submission-guidelines



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Add-On Meetings

Call for Abstracts Now Open!

- **Researchers Meeting, June 17-18, 2026**
 - Submissions Due: **January 14, 2026**
 - hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/researchers-meeting
- **Practitioners Meeting, June 18, 2026**
 - Submissions Due: **January 14, 2026**
 - hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/practitioners-meeting/overview



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2025 Additional Meetings at-a- Glance



338

Researchers Meeting
Registrations



68

Practitioners Meeting
Registrations

255

Researchers Meeting
Abstracts Submitted

15

Practitioners Meeting
Abstracts Submitted



42

Researchers Meeting
Sessions



7

Practitioners Meeting
Sessions

Workshop Opportunities

- **Student Volunteer Program**
 - Due: **January 9, 2026**
- **Student Paper Competition**
 - Due: **January 23, 2026**

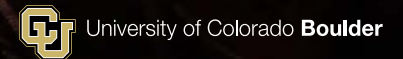
Submission Guidelines:

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Meetings Logistics





Logistics

- Registration
 - Opens in December 2025!
 - Register soon as we may reach our cap of 750 attendees
 - Cost and Additional Information:
hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/registration
- Travel Information
 - Room Blocks: Omni Interlocken Hotel, Renaissance, Hilton Garden Inn
 - Accommodations:
hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2026/lodging-details



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Q&A Session





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