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## Call for Presentation Proposals

**The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm PT on June 15, 2022**

### **About SHIFT**

The SHIFT Summit is a national gathering of hundreds of land managers, researchers, practitioners, funders, educators, retailers, and conservationists, along with outdoor recreation, health, military, and nature therapy professionals who share experiences, evidence, and ideas for enhancing the reciprocal relationship between humans and nature. The Summit is based on sound science combined with experiential, health, stewardship, and land management aspects to balance equitable reciprocity and access to ensure the survival of the places, flora, and fauna that we all need to exist and thrive.

### **Conference Theme**

The 2022 SHIFT Summit theme is the *Transdisciplinary Integration of Nature and Wellbeing*, with a focus on collective and inclusive efforts to advance equitable access to preventive health through nature and the outdoors. The program will build on the following **Three Pillars** to address this theme:

#### ***Evidence Base***

Aggregate, support, and promote the evidence for the health and economic benefits of nature. Share knowledge and data to incentivize both public and private entities to increase access to nature as preventive health care and/or community development intervention strategies, with constant consideration for reciprocity with nature, conservation, education, and land stewardship.

#### ***Business Case***

Share management and leadership practices. Develop economic arguments, tools and sustainable revenue models that will lead governmental, business, and nonprofit organizations to invest in nature-rich interventions and access, while always promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion. This can also be viewed through the lens of the Triple Bottom Line – Economic, Environmental, and Social. Thus, equity, conservation, and fiscal jurisprudence are front and center, offering a symbiotic relationship to greater success and being fully inclusive.

## ***Experience Place***

Provide experiential and immersive activities that ignite passions and love for nature, outdoor recreation, cultural respect, and conservation. Develop an integrated narrative, common language, and storytelling around the health and economic benefits of time outside that empowers stakeholders and professionals across sectors for more effective promotion, funding, and unity of our allied fields.

## **Suggested Submission Categories**

Research and practice presentation proposals related to issues at the intersection of outdoor recreation, conservation, environmental economics, social justice and public health that build on one or more of the SHIFT Pillars are invited for submission. Proposals related to the following **categories** are also encouraged, but it is not a requirement to address these topics.

- ***Nature Immersion and Experiences*** - the Summit program includes time to get into the outdoors and engage in experiential activities. Presentations could discuss the importance of nature immersion and share research, programs, and practices that encourage connection to the natural world.
- ***Equity and Impact*** - progress towards advancing equitable preventive health measures through access to nature and the outdoors requires learning across many disciplines and regions, so proposals from all fields of research and practice are invited, as are proposals with an international focus. Presentations could highlight successful programs, policies, and partnerships from those in practice, especially related to equity for racially and ethnically diverse populations, the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and those living in lower-income urban and rural communities who are disproportionately impacted by health disparities or environmental challenges.
- ***Conservation and Land Management*** - SHIFT was founded as a forum in which to rethink policies and practices supporting public lands. How do we build a positive feedback loop supporting human and environmental health that builds support for conservation and preservation initiatives? Presentations might address the entwined relationship between human and environmental health.
- ***Other*** - Proposals describing research results, program evaluations, methodological advances, translation of research to practice and policy, promising practices and policy innovations on all topics related to access to nature are appropriate.

## **Presentation Types**

Proposals will be considered for the following presentation types:

1. **Poster** - Presenters will display selected posters throughout the meeting and during a reception devoted exclusively to poster viewing with no competing programming. The poster session will provide an effective mechanism for dissemination and networking.
2. **Lightning Talk** - Presenters selected for a live Lightning Talk will deliver a brief presentation during concurrent sessions. There will be two concurrent sessions scheduled in separate rooms with four speakers and a session chair assigned to each room. Session assignments will be made based on the proposal topic and each presenter will have a total of 5 minutes for presentation. There will be a 20-minute group discussion at the conclusion of the session.

3. **Roundtable Discussion Panel** - Roundtable discussion panels are designed to frame a topic and should include 2 - 4 subject-matter experts. Panelists should begin with a 5 - 10 minute presentation about how their work addresses the topic. At the conclusion of the presentations, panelists and audience members will break into small groups that employ the [World Café format](#) to facilitate dynamic interaction and networking as we crowdsource solutions to challenges identified during the panel. Authors proposing a roundtable discussion panel should include the names and brief bios for panelists.

You will be asked to select a **preferred** presentation type in the online submission system. There will also be an option to indicate if you would like to be considered as a roundtable discussion panelist if your proposal for a poster or lightning talk aligns with a roundtable topic and if space is available on the panel. A selection committee will decide what presentation type each proposal will be invited for based on reviewer scores/recommendations.

We are pleased to announce that continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for select sessions. Authors proposing a roundtable discussion panel will be asked to provide a brief session outline in addition to the proposal. Details can be found in the online submission system.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Authors must submit proposals electronically through the online submission system by 11:59 pm PT on June 15, 2022 and are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- All applicants will use the same link to access the online submission system.
- All proposals are required to use the following headings: *Background and Purpose, Learning Objectives, Description/Methods, Outcome/Results, Conclusions and Implications, References (if applicable), and Support/Funding Source (if applicable)*.
- Proposals must use the template in the online system and follow the format instructions.
- The maximum proposal length is one single-spaced page. Do not change the font (Calibri, 12 point) or margins (1 inch) of the template.
- There is no limit on the number of proposals an author may submit.
- At least one author must register for the conference and attend **in person** to present an accepted proposal.
- The room will be equipped with a computer, projector, screen, podium, and microphone. We will do our best to support any other audio-visual needs, which can be requested when you submit your proposal.
- The proposal deadline is 11:59 pm PT on June 15, 2022.

**Review Process**

Proposals will undergo blind review by a committee from diverse disciplines and backgrounds. Selection for presentation is based on the quality of the research or project, clarity of the proposal, relevance, and adherence to the guidelines. Presentation type will be determined by review score and reviewer recommendation.

Decisions regarding acceptance will be made by mid-August and the submitting author will be notified via email. Expenses associated with the submission, preparation, and presentation of the proposal are the responsibility of the presenters. If you have questions prior to the submission deadline concerning your presentation proposal, please contact Amanda Walker at [amandaw@gpred.org](mailto:amandaw@gpred.org).

***For revisions or queries regarding proposals already submitted***

If you do not receive acknowledgement for your proposal submission or you wish to make any essential revisions to a proposal already submitted, please DO NOT RESUBMIT your proposal, as this may lead to duplication. Please email the [Conference Coordinator](#) with details of any revisions or queries. Please quote your reference number if you have one.