

HAWAI'I AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

AG2019

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

OCTOBER 15-16, 2019, HAWAI'I CONVENTION CENTER

Session & Abstract Proposal Deadline: April 12, 2019

Notice of Proposal Acceptance: June 1, 2019

Revisions Deadline: June 28, 2019

Deadline for Presenters to Register: July 31, 2019

The 2019 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference (AG2019) will be held October 15-16, 2019. Hosted by the Agriculture Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i (ALFH), this event is Hawaii's premiere, all-sector agriculture conference.

Since the inaugural event in 2002, these conferences have pushed, expanded, and challenged private and public sector decision-makers to shape a vibrant agriculture industry in Hawai'i. Past topics and content ranged from agritourism to internet sales; entrepreneurial business skills and the power of local markets to agricultural theft and biofuels; and the continuing evolution of the sector to make commitments that further agriculture's viability in Hawai'i. The last conference, AG2017, brought together nearly 600 attendees, including practitioners, resource stewards, local and national speakers, regulators, youth leaders, and educators.

AGdaptation: Hawaii's Growing Opportunity

The Hawai'i AG2019 Planning Committee is now soliciting proposals for oral presentations, poster presentations, symposiums, forums and workshops that embrace the Conference theme of "**AGdaptation: Hawaii's Growing Opportunity.**"

In an ever-changing world, Hawai'i agriculture must adapt to become a viable, sustainable resource that provides rewarding careers, enriches lifestyles, and stewards our 'āina for future generations. **AGdaptation means agriculture in Hawai'i doesn't just survive, it thrives.** ALFH envisions AG2019 participants and attendees will:

- Connect with industry leaders who are developing cutting-edge ideas and techniques.
- Learn about new and innovative ways of shaping businesses for positive long-term impacts.
- Identify brand development opportunities within the value chain.
- Shape strategies for industry resiliency.
- Explore how to maximize future markets in the context of national and state regulations.
- Build relationships within the value chain to amplify individual businesses and the entire industry.
- Hear from Hawaii's next generation of potential farmers, ranchers, and growers.

Successful proposals will demonstrate proven or potential opportunities for AGdaptation in management practices, cultivation, conservation, innovation, technology, system design, collaboration, community engagement, or economic sustainability.

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IN THE PROPOSAL

- Show us what successful AGdaptation looks like or could look like.
- Show us how AGdaptation is currently being achieved or can be achieved.
- Proposals that connect multiple elements of Hawaii's agriculture value chain in efficient, effective and innovative ways will rank highly.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Proposal Deadline: April 12, 2019. Proposal must be submitted online at: hiagconference.org/proposals

Proposal Acceptance Date: June 1, 2019. Authors will be notified of acceptance by this deadline.

Revisions Deadline: June 28, 2019. Authors must complete request for proposal revisions by this deadline in order to be accepted in the Conference. Accepted proposals will be included in the Conference Program Book in the format received---please be sure to double check your work.

Deadline for Presenters to Register: July 31, 2019. Paid registration is required for all presenters.

FORMAT DESCRIPTIONS

Oral and Poster Presentations: Formal individual presentations on various topics will be scheduled in general sessions depending on thematic content. The abstract submission form requires the selection of preferred presentation format and whether you are submitting your abstract as an individual or part of an organized symposium. The review committee may suggest changes to your proposal or its format depending on relationship to theme, available time in the program, and whether or not the content has been previously presented. All presenters must register by July 31, 2019.

- 1. Oral presentation:** A 15-minute individual presentation (includes 15-minute talk, 3 minutes of Q&A, and 2 minutes for transition time - exact timing may vary based on assigned session). Paid registration is required for all presenters.
- 2. Poster presentation:** A visual presentation that showcases your work. More than one participant may author a poster, but at least one of the primary authors must be a paid, registered participant.
- 3. Symposium:** A formal moderated session with 3-6 oral presenters organized around a topic or theme; individual presentation time is limited to 15 minutes; moderator introduces presenters and conducts Q&A at end of session. Time limit: 1-2 hours per session. Abstracts for each presenter are required and due April 12, 2019, along with a complete session agenda. All presenters and moderators must be paid, registered participants.
- 4. Forum:** A less formal, more interactive session, a forum can be a panel, a roundtable session, or another structured format involving a variety of innovative facilitation methods. The moderator or facilitator guides presenters and the audience through a variety of participatory techniques. Time limit: 1-2 hours per session, with a minimum of 20-30 minutes of true audience participation (more than a question and answer session). The proposal must detail how the audience will be engaged. Creativity is encouraged. Abstracts for each presenter are not required unless requested by the forum organizer. All presenters, facilitators and/or moderators must be paid, registered participants.
- 5. Workshop:** Organizations and practitioners may submit proposals to conduct workshops the day prior to the conference. AG2019 organizers can contribute minimal logistical support. The workshop host is responsible for organizing and supporting all aspects of the training or workshop. Please contact us for more information on costs, convention center requirements, etc.

**For more information, please contact Executive Director Christine Brammer:
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