

Request for Webinar Proposals – Where Anthropologists Work

The American Anthropological Association invites members to share the exciting ways anthropology is part of their career! The purpose of this webinar series is to showcase careers in anthropology in a new or unexpected way. Submissions for this series should focus on the diverse settings anthropologists work in, and how anthropological training can apply across different career sectors.

We ask members to share their experiences as an anthropologist working in business, non-profit, and government sectors, or in less common academic roles such as staff or clinical faculty.

We want to hear about your current professional situation, your pathway to this position, and advice you have for those looking to enter a similar field.

Here are topics that we included in past career webinars. Successful proposals will further develop and extend this slate of programming:

- Anthropologists Building Careers in GIS
- Using Archaeological and Anthropological Skill Sets as Accessible Designers
- Careers in the Public Sector
- Contemplating a Career in Tech?
- Doing Cultural Resource Management Your Way
- Anthropologists Working in Hospital Settings
- User Experience Jobs from the Inside Out

Submission Criteria

Proposals must be submitted online via the webinar submission form. Proposals can be submitted as individual or group presentations (limited to three speakers). Group presentations must identify each presenter in the submission form.

All webinar submissions must include the following information in a brief, 1-2 paragraph, proposal attached as a PDF to the webinar submission form:

- Clearly identify the purpose and objectives of the session.
- Identify the intended audience(s) for the event
- How does the proposed topic advance the professional interests of anthropologists?
- What supplemental materials and resources will be made available to attendees for access after the event?
- How will active learning techniques, such as polling questions or breakout rooms, be used in your presentation?
- How does this presentation attract audiences outside of anthropology, including those with interdisciplinary interests?

The session's abstract and official title will be required upon selection.

Selected webinars will be scheduled as 30-minute or 60-minute sessions, based on the format and content of the presentation.

Review Criteria

All webinar submissions will be reviewed using the following questions:

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the least and 5 being the most, to what extent does the webinar session:

- Showcase anthropology in a new or unexpected way?
- Identify an appropriate target audience for the topic?
- Propose a timely and relevant topic for the field of anthropology?
- Draw connections between the proposed topic, AAA resources, and what students are learning in classrooms and/or practitioners in the field?
- Outline clear objectives that further the professional interests of anthropologists?
- Offer a format that is both engaging for the speaker and participants?
- Allow for community building and/or networking amongst attendees?
- Have the potential to draw interdisciplinary audiences or sponsors?

Presenter Expectations and General Timeline

If accepted, AAA staff will coordinate and establish a timeline for your event and discuss promotion.

One month before your event date, send slide deck (if applicable), script, and list of terms to the AAA staff point of contact. Before sending, ensure all materials comply with the AAA accessibility standards. AAA staff will only provide an accessibility check.

Two weeks before your event date, attend a dress rehearsal with AAA staff and all participants.

One week before your event send any final questions to your AAA staff point of contact.