

The Undergraduate Studies Advising Conference planning committee is [now accepting proposals](#). The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, July 26, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

Whole-istic Advising. Whole Student. Whole Advisor. Whole Community.

Advisors must assist students with academic and personal issues, help students understand which opportunities (such as study abroad, internships, and research) enhance their academic experience, and encourage them to engage in co-curricular activities that provide them with leadership roles and a strong connection to the University.

Advisors have to know how to navigate many different kinds of situations with our students. In order to do our jobs effectively, we need to be intentional about the relationships with both our students and our colleagues around campus. This year's conference serves as an opportunity to discuss our responsibility as advisors to our students, ourselves, and our community.

Successful conference proposals will highlight one or more of the following topics:

- Authenticity in advising
- Advisors as social justice warriors
- Relationship building in advising
- Student personal development
- Defining success for yourself and the student
- Advisors as the bridge to other resources
- Building community within the advising network (inside or outside of the institution)
- Advisor self-care and work/life balance

Successful proposals offer presentations, community dialogue, panels, or other professional development opportunities in areas that support advisors' work or professional and personal development.

Preference will be given to presentations that are based in the literature, interactive and include audience engagement. Also, collaboration is encouraged! Please consider working across departments and teams for your presentations

Key factors to consider when submitting a proposal include:

- Degree to which the proposal provides relevant, timely, and educational content
- Well-defined focus for the presentation
- Quality and potential to contribute to a balanced conference program for advisors
- Diverse mix of presenters with a variety of areas of expertise
- Interactive audience participation
- Immediate takeaways for audience
- Best structure for presentation (i.e. Facilitated Panel, Traditional Workshop, Working Group/Facilitated Audience Dialogue, Lightning Talk, etc.)

Adapted from NACE 2023 Proposal Guide: <https://www.nacweb.org/conferenceexpo/files/2023/nace23-proposal-guidelines-rev.pdf>)

Here are some resources to help jumpstart your creativity!

- <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Academic-Advising-Today/View-Articles/Holistic-Advising.aspx>
- <https://advisingmatters.berkeley.edu/advisor-self-care-becoming-resilient-practitioner>
- [Holistic Advising: A Proactive Intervention for Success- Georgia Southern.](#)

Please direct any questions to proposal sub-committee Kendyl Oliver (koliver3@umd.edu) or Eva Morgan (emorgan@umd.edu)

Thank you,

The 2024 Advising Conference Planning Committee