Evaluation of STEM Symposia Proposals

Scoring Metrics

In the Grading Rubric, there are points for each of the session components. For each session, please provide numeric values that indicate the strength of the session proposal and the relevance to the SACNAS audience. The scores will range from the lowest (0) to the highest (4), where the highest score always represents that the proposal is very strong on those aspects, and where 0 represents that the proposal is lacking in those aspects.

Guiding Considerations: One of the fundamental aspects of the scientific symposia sessions presented at SACNAS is diversity. The session's diversity components should include but not be limited to the following areas:

1. Disciplinary diversity: Are various disciplines overly represented or underrepresented in your highest scoring cohort?
2. Demographic diversity: Does the session speakers represent diversity in terms of racial and ethnic backgrounds?
3. Institutional diversity: Is there diversity of institutions represented in the session?
4. Scientific/STEM Symposia should include a minimum of 3 presenters in order to provide varying perspective on research.

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	Title, goals and description should be appealing, relevant and well-defined.			
Title, Goals & Description	*Scoring: Yes = 4, Somewhat True = 2, Barely= 2, No= 1, N/A*	**Weight**	**Score**	**Total**
	1. Is the title relevant and interesting to the intended audience?	1		
	2. Does the description of this session explain the topic well?	4		
	3. Are the goals of the session clearly stated?	4		
	Title Description Score *(max 36)*			
Technical Talks & STEM Panel Discussion Sessions	**Talks should be on cutting edge topics relevant to the particular discipline in which the sessions would be presented, and relevant to the attendees**			
	Scoring: Yes = 4, Somewhat True = 2, Barely= 2, No= 1, N/A	**Weight**	**Score**	**Total**
	1. Is the session structure clearly described?	3		
	2. Are the talks (or expertise of panelists) under this session cohesive and complement each other well?	3		
	3. Is the session topic exciting and at the cutting edge of the field?	4		
	4. Does the session present relevant knowledge on this topic to the attendees?	3		
	Scientific Talks Score *(max 52)*			
Speaker Contributions	**Speakers should have experience in the field being presented and/or have other qualifications to speak on the given topic(s) of the session.**			
	Scoring: Yes = 4, Somewhat True = 2, Barely= 2, No= 1, N/A	**Weight**	**Score**	**Total**
	1. Are the speakers experienced in the topic or well suited to present the talks?	4		
	2. Is the contribution of each speaker clearly explained?	4		
	Speaker Contributions Score *(max 32)*			
Diversity	**Speakers' representation of diversity components should include but not be limited to the following areas: gender, race/ethnic/cultural background, institutions, academic levels and/or sectors in STEM as appropriate to the topic.**			
	Scoring: Yes = 4, No= 0	**Weight**	**Score**	**Total**
	1. Yes or No - Do the speakers listed represent diverse backgrounds needed for this session to be successful at the National Diversity in STEM Conference?	10		
	2. Please elaborate on your response regarding speaker diversity:			
	Diversity Score *(max 40)*			

TOTAL OVERALL SCORE *(max 160)*			
Yes or No - Was this session multi-disciplinary?		**Yes**	**No**
Please provide additional comments that you deem important regarding the strengths and potential areas of improvement of this session (These comments may be shared with the chair and/or speakers of the session):			