



Incarcerated Scholars CONFERENCE

Presentation Proposal

The Alliance for Higher Education in Prison ("the Alliance") is pleased to announce that the second annual **Incarcerated Scholars Conference** (ISC) will be held virtually October 21-22, 2025. The theme that will frame this year's conference is ***Pathways to Possibility***.

Presentation Proposals:

We invite students and former students of higher education in prison programs who are currently incarcerated to contribute to our conference by submitting a presentation proposal. Each presentation will be 30 minutes long, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with the audience.

You can submit your proposals:

- Online through this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/46Ljg8WjhYaHZAzD7>
- Via email by completing the attached submission form and sending it to isc@higheredinprison.org

Unfortunately, we cannot accept presentation proposals submitted via mail. Those interested in submitting proposals but who don't have internet/email access can work with a proxy from an educational program at the facility to submit online or via email OR may want to consider sending a creative submission (which can be sent via mail).

Important dates to remember:

- The deadline for submission is **July 16, 2025**.
- Notification of submission decision (accept/decline) will be sent the week of **August 7, 2025**.
- Confirmation of Zoom accessibility and facility approval must be sent by **September 1, 2025**
- **October 21-22, 2025** - ISC Conference

Presentation Proposals

Be sure to read the following guidelines before you begin. We can only consider applications that meet all the listed requirements.

Proposals: Incarcerated scholars are invited to submit a proposal for a 30-minute presentation. Individuals interested in submitting must be either currently enrolled or an alumni who is connected to a higher education in prison program to participate in the conference. Proposals should plan for 30 minutes of presentation and a 30-minute question and answer session with the audience. If a proposal features multiple speakers, please consider including a moderator in the proposal. Proposals may be submitted by a proxy if an incarcerated scholar is unable to do so themselves.

Eligibility: Individuals interested in submitting must be a past or present student who has access to a higher education in prison staff member who can assist with submission, coordination, and communication.

Facility Permission: Incarcerated scholars interested in presenting must reach out to administration/leadership at their facility as soon as they decide that they will be submitting a proposal. Facility permission will take time, and all scholars must confirm with their respective correctional facility's Public Information and/or Victim's Services offices that they have permission to participate in advance and share that confirmation with the Alliance **by September 1, 2025**. Detailed instructions will be sent to those whose proposals are accepted.

Presentation Format: ISC presentations will be webinars. All presenters will be presenting live via Zoom. The webinar Q&A session will be moderated by Alliance staff.

Accessibility: This virtual event is free and open to everyone. This conference uses Zoom as its videoconferencing platform. **Incarcerated presenters will need to be able to use the Zoom platform to join the conference either as a participant or a presenter.** Accessibility must be confirmed by **September 1, 2025**. The Alliance is unable to accommodate other platforms or arrangements for virtual attendance.

1. Presenter Information

If this is a group presentation with more than one presenter, please fill out information for all remaining presenters on the last page of this application and check this box ☐

First name	
Last name	
Academic affiliation	
Current location (name of facility, city, state)	
Email address (if applicable)	
Pseudonym (only if the presenter prefers not to publicly disclose their formal name)	

2. Proxy Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Please note that proxies must be affiliated with an educational program currently in operation within the facility in which the presenter(s) are located.

- If you are serving as a proxy for a currently incarcerated individual or group, include your information below.
- If you are currently incarcerated and self-submitting this proposal, please include information for a proxy who can communicate on your behalf (if necessary).

First name	
Last name	
Professional affiliation	
Professional title	

Email address	
Phone number	

3. Corrections Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Please provide contact information for a member of corrections staff in the event that we need to contact someone at the facility.

First name	
Last name	
Professional title	
Email address	
Phone number	

4. Accessibility

All presenters need to be available to present on October 21 or October 22 via Zoom. (NOTE: Participants who are unable or unavailable to present via Zoom are encouraged to consider submitting a [Creative Submission](#) instead, which does not require live participation at the conference.)

3a. Using the schedule below, please select the date and time blocks that the presenters prefer and/or are most likely to be available. *Please note, all times are in eastern standard time which may not align with the timezone of your facility.*

Day One: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

- ☐ Session 1 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm EST
- ☐ Session 2 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm EST

Day Two: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

- ☐ Session 1 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST
- ☐ Session 2 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm EST

3b. Are there special circumstances that we should know about the presenters' ability to access Zoom? If yes, please provide as many details as possible. Please note that ability to participate in the conference via Zoom must be confirmed by **September 1**.

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8. Title of proposed presentation:

9. Select **one** track from the options below that best fits the presentation:

- ☐ **Reentry Planning & Lifelong Learning:** Sessions in this track are focused on educational transitions and lifelong learning opportunities post-release. Sessions may cover reentry partnerships and continued academic access, life skills and professional development, or regional/state variations and innovation
- ☐ **Interdisciplinary Scholarship:** Sessions in this track are focused on scholarly work that expands or intersects with but is not limited to carceral education. Sessions include research and critical inquiry spanning a range of disciplines.
- ☐ **Education as Resistance:** Sessions in this track are focused on pedagogy, identity, and systemic change. Sessions may cover gender, class, and racial equity in prison education, or examine education through specific lenses or related to specific groups (women, juveniles, LGBTQ+, elderly). Sessions may also explore the relationship between education and cultural change within prisons.
- ☐ **Collaboration & Innovation:** Sessions in this track are focused on cross-sector collaboration, digital solutions, and reimagining education delivery through technology. Sessions may cover technology access and digital literacy, and how universities and prisons partner towards technological advancement (as well as other cross-institution models for innovation). Sessions may consider both national and global examples.

- **Education in Action:** Sessions in this track are focused on work-based learning for incarcerated scholars, and can include personal testimonies from incarcerated scholars with remote-work experiences, information sharing about work-based learning, as well as innovative ideas about implementing work-based learning initiatives.

10. In 300–500 words, please describe your proposed session. Your proposal should address the following:

Relevance: How is this session relevant to the higher education in prison (HEP) community?

Learning objectives & structure: What will participants learn, and how will the session be organized to meet those goals?

Engagement: How will you engage the audience (discussion, reflection, call to action, etc.)?

Connection to theme: How does this session connect to this year's theme, *Pathways to Possibility*?

Presenter perspective: What unique perspectives, identities, or experiences do you bring to this session?

Presenter Information (for Group Presentations)

11. Group Presentation Information

Presenter 2	First name	
	Last name	
	Academic affiliation	
	Current location (name of facility, city, state)	
	Email address (if applicable)	
	Pseudonym requested	

Presenter 3	First name	
	Last name	
	Academic affiliation	
	Current location (name of facility, city, state)	
	Email address (if applicable)	
	Pseudonym requested	

Presenter 4	First name	
	Last name	
	Academic affiliation	
	Current location (name of facility, city, state)	
	Email address (if applicable)	
	Pseudonym requested	

Presenter 5	First name	
	Last name	
	Academic affiliation	
	Current location (name of facility, city, state)	
	Email address (if applicable)	
	Pseudonym requested	

Presenter 6	First name	
	Last name	
	Academic affiliation	
	Current location (name of facility, city, state)	
	Email address (if applicable)	
	Pseudonym requested	