



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

More details (including application forms, FAQs, and instructions) online:
<https://www.higheredinprison.org/isc-2025>

The Importance of Conference Participation for Incarcerated Scholars

- Higher education in prison should be **equitable** to on-campus college experiences, which includes opportunities for scholars to participate in scholarly conferences.
- Preparing a presentation proposal helps scholars **hone professional and academic writing skills** as well as **refine their research**.
- Academic presentations provide scholars with:
 - **Agency, confidence, and a sense of achievement.**
 - **Professional development** opportunities around **public speaking** and the verbal communication of **complex ideas**.
- ISC is an academic conference with a proposal review process. Scholars will be able to **list their participation on their curriculum vitae or resume**. Because conference participation **demonstrates initiative, intellectual engagement, and communication skills**, participation could be beneficial on **college transfer applications** after reentry and/or **graduate school applications**.
- Participating in an academic conference **fosters a sense of belonging** in a broader academic community.
- This conference allows incarcerated scholars to **share their academic journey** with families, loved ones, children, and communities, offering **connection, pride, and a sense of possibility**.

Creative Submissions

Incarcerated artists can submit any form of creative work (no affiliation with educational programs is required).

- Creative works will not be presented by the artist live.
- Self-submit or submit by proxy via Google Form, email, or mail.

Presentation Proposals

Currently incarcerated scholars (students or alumni) can share their scholarship through a live 30-min Zoom presentation + 30-min Q&A.

- Zoom access is required.
- Self-submit or submit by proxy via Google Form or email only.
- Proposals must name a proxy (affiliated with an educational program) and a corrections contact.

Note about Zoom access: Students do not need individual device access to participate. Temporary access to a shared computer in a library, education department, or facility office would allow them to present.

Dates to Remember:

- The deadline for all submissions is **July 16, 2025**.
- Notification of decisions (accept/decline) will be sent the week of **August 7, 2025**.
- Confirmation of facility approval (if applicable) must be sent by **September 1, 2025**.
- The conference will take place **October 21-22, 2025**.