

## WHAT REVIEWERS WILL LOOK FOR

2026 Theme: **Learning in Motion**

Education is dynamic, evolving, and alive. Strong proposals give reviewers a clear understanding of the presentation's focus, its connection to the conference theme, and what the audience will take away from the session.

**AUDIENCE** ISC attendees include students, educators, higher education in prison program leaders, correctional partners, nonprofit leaders, workforce and reentry practitioners, policymakers, and community members.

### FIVE CRITERIA

01

#### **Clear presentation focus**

Describe the central idea, question, argument, project, research, or experience. Reviewers should understand the session's purpose and the main ideas presenters plan to share.

02

#### **Connection to the theme**

Show how learning is active in your presentation — through growth, transformation, discovery, persistence, shifting identity, or new possibilities. The connection should be intentional and clear.

03

#### **Connection to education**

Help the audience understand how education shapes intellectual life, identity, purpose, civic leadership, or professional pathways. Move beyond description — explain what is at stake.

04

#### **Audience takeaways**

Explain what the audience will learn, consider, or carry away. Include a reflection question, call to action, practical insight, or another way the presentation invites engagement.

**500 word limit** — use it to cover all criteria above. Proposals should address focus, theme, education, and audience takeaways.