

Call for Interest Session Proposals
2022 ACDA Midwestern Region Conference
Chicago, IL
February 16-19, 2022

The Midwestern Region of ACDA welcomes submissions for innovative, applicable, and inspiring interest sessions for our 2022 conference. We encourage sessions of all types that address the diversity of our membership (including student members) and actively engage participants. All topics will receive consideration and will be evaluated for scholarly content, variety, innovation, value, pedagogical strength, and relativity to current trends in the choral profession. Conference attendees are looking for high-level content that opens their minds to new possibilities for how they grow in their profession and how they connect back to the field.

Registration and Travel Info: It is understood that ACDA will not assume financial responsibility for travel, food, or lodging for presenters of interest sessions or panel participants. The online application implies that the above-mentioned presenter(s) is/are prepared to travel and present at the conference if accepted.

Session Presenter Expectations: Presenters must be current members of ACDA willing to grant ACDA rights to record their presentation, and allow ACDA to use such recordings to advance the mission of ACDA. Please note that all accepted presenters are expected to meet ALL posted dates and deadlines. ACDA reserves the right to make adjustments to any session that does not meet deadlines.

Demonstration Choirs: Demonstration choirs are chosen from the ensembles that audition for conference performance and have also indicated interest in participating as a demonstration choir. The Interest Session Sub-Committee works in collaboration with the Performing Choir Sub-Committee to make these assignments.

If an interest session presenter prefers to use a particular demonstration choir, this must be stated in the interest session application and a recording of the choir must ALSO be submitted with the interest session application. The submitted recording should demonstrate that the choir will meet the needs of the session and enhance the presentation. There is no application fee for demonstration choirs submitted through the interest session application. These applications will be vetted by the Conference Committee and/or Interest Session Sub-Committee.

Selection Process: Submit interest session abstract along with headshots and bios (150-word maximum) for all presenters and panelists by May 15, 2021 through the online application at <https://midwesternacda.org/>.

Once the application is submitted, applicants will receive an automatic confirmation. Keep this confirmation in your files. Each submission will be reviewed by the ACDA Midwestern Region Conference Interest Session Sub-Committee. Applicants are limited to three R&R categories that best represent the topic/submission. Notifications pertaining to application status will be sent in June 2021.

We suggest that you first develop your abstract in Word to save your work and then copy and paste the information into the appropriate section in the online application. Word count is no more than 250 words. Please submit no more than two proposals.

Equipment: Please see online application for Equipment.

Applications may be submitted online at <https://midwesternacda.org/> beginning March 20, 2021. The application deadline is May 15, 2021. Any questions can be directed to Richard Schnipke, Interest Session Chair, at rschnip@bgsu.edu.