



Intermountain
Sustainability Summit

Building
RESILIENCE

2026 Intermountain Sustainability Summit March 19-20, 2026 | Weber State University

Call for Speaker & Artist Proposals *Deadline: October 24, 2025*

About the [Intermountain Sustainability Summit \(ISS\)](#):

For the past 17 years, the ISS has gathered sustainability professionals and emerging leaders from the business, nonprofit, government and academic sectors to share big ideas and practical solutions, as we work to address the challenges of our times with curiosity, courage and tenacity.

This year's theme, *Building Resilience*, calls us to explore solutions that strengthen our capacity to adapt, thrive, and support one another in the face of today's challenges. Resilience is often built through connection, shared knowledge, and innovation. Together, we can build communities and systems that are strong, connected, and prepared for the future, through advancing clean energy transitions, designing adaptable infrastructure, restoring ecosystems, ensuring fair access to resources, fostering strong cross-sector partnerships, and other innovative work.

The ISS is a **two-day event** that takes place at **Weber State University, in Ogden, Utah**

- **Thursday, March 19, 2026 – Main Event Day (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**
Features keynotes and local and national speakers who will present in 50-minute sessions throughout the day. The main day also includes the Student Poster Contest and the Eco Expo Hall as well as opportunities for visual or performance art.
- **Friday, March 20, 2026 – Workshop Day (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**
Offers longer-format half- and full-day workshops that dive deep into specific areas of knowledge.

Selected presenters receive complimentary registration for the main event day, Thursday, March 19, 2026, and related sessions.

Presentation Format Options:

Presentations come in several formats and speakers/presenters may host more than one type.

***Note:** Your chosen format determines which day your session or artwork will be featured, so please plan accordingly when submitting your proposal. 50-Minute Sessions take place on Thursday, March 19, 2026 while Workshops are held on Friday, March 20, 2026.*

50-Minute Sessions – Thursday, March 19, 2026 between 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Types of sessions within this category include:

- **Standard Presentation:** One to three presenters share solutions, introduce available resources, incentives, tools, and/or teach innovative concepts with time reserved for audience questions, and/or interactions.
- **Moderated Panel Discussion:** A moderator guides up to three presenters through a focused conversation. Presenters may share case studies, explore differing perspectives, and dive into the nuances of the topic, with time reserved for audience question and/or interactions.
- **Interactive Networking/Community Building:** ISS Planners often organize facilitated experiences designed to help participants connect, exchange ideas, and build collaborations around a specific topic. *If you are interested in participating in this option, answer “yes” to the networking session question in the proposal form.*

Workshops – Friday, March 20, 2026 between 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops are designed for in-depth exploration of topics. They invite participants to test out new ways of thinking and apply strategies to address challenges and implement solutions. These highly interactive sessions focus on delivering practical, hands-on, actionable knowledge.

- **Half-Day Workshops:** Typically 4 hours in length.
- **Full-Day Workshops:** Typically 8 hours in length.

Visual and Performance Art – Submit a proposal and we will work with you. Creative works engage both the emotions and minds of participants. These can be woven into session formats or incorporated into the ISS's events/spaces and can include exhibits, installations, interactive displays, spoken word, music, movement, theater, or other live performances.

Submission Details:

Submit proposals through the [Speaker & Artist Proposal Form](#). The following information will be needed:

- **Presenter/Moderator Information:** For all presenters/artists, include names, titles, organization, emails, bios, and speaker qualifications. Links to videos or other online materials that demonstrate speaking experience are encouraged, but not required.
- **Session Title and Description:** Titles should be concise, descriptive, and 15 words or less. Descriptions should be 200 words or less. *If your proposal is selected, we will ask for a 50 word description to include in our program.*
- **Main Takeaways and/or Learning Objectives:** Explain 3-4 points on how your proposal is actionable, educational, and pertinent to the theme.
- **Audience Engagement:** Explain how your proposal will engage the audience. Does your presentation include an experiential or interactive component?

Review Criteria:

The ISS Advisory Committee will review proposals based on the following criteria:

- **Actionable Outcomes:** Does the presentation provide actionable measures, which participants can implement through their work?
- **Engaging Presentation:** Is the subject matter engaging and does the proposal suggest how presenters will interact with their audience to create a captivating presentation?
- **Relevance and Timeliness:** Is the presentation relevant and timely?
- **Relates to the Theme:** Does the proposal relate to this year's theme, *Building Resilience*?

Review & Selection Timeline:

- **August 19, 2025** – Call for proposals opens
- **October 24, 2025** – Call for proposals concludes
- **January 7, 2026** – Selected speakers notified
- **January 27, 2026** – Schedule announced publicly on a rolling basis

Questions?

Do you have questions about your proposal or the proposal process? Contact Riley Shaw (rileyshaw1@weber.edu) or Sadie Braddock (sadiebraddock@weber.edu) at 801-626-6310.

Thank you for your commitment to sustainability and for proposing to share your knowledge at the 2026 Intermountain Sustainability Summit!



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