

ICF Converge Summit 2026
Call for Proposals (CFP) Guide
CFP Open: September 22 - November 7, 2025

EVENT DETAILS

- In Person: May 17 – 19, 2026, Paris, France

Note: All speakers must attend the live event in person.

OVERVIEW

The ICF Converge Summit is a new kind of coaching event — one that invites you to **step into the experience**. With a curated program of 24 sessions across four focused themes, an emphasis on small group discussions and purposeful networking, this Summit is designed for coaches who want to **practice, engage, and grow** through immersive learning.

Unlike the broader Converge conference, the Summit offers a **more intimate, hands-on environment** where ideas are not just shared — they're lived. We're seeking proposals that go beyond presentation to create **interactive, participatory experiences** that challenge, inspire, and transform.

This is also a unique opportunity to foster meaningful global connections. The Summit will bring together coaches from across regions to learn from one another, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships. We're excited to spotlight the energy and innovation of local coaching communities in a truly international setting.

Whether you're facilitating a collaborative workshop, guiding reflective practice, or leading a dynamic discussion, your session should invite attendees to actively engage — because transformation happens through experience and connection.

Preference will be given to proposals that are:

- Experiential
 - Preference given to proposals that emphasize interactive, hands-on learning (e.g., workshops, simulations, labs).
 - Sessions should foster active participation, not passive listening.
- Innovative and Transformative
 - Preference for sessions that introduce novel approaches, challenge conventional thinking, or offer transformative experiences.
- Reflective of Diverse Perspectives
 - Proposals that reflect diversity in coaching populations, methodologies, and voices are strongly encouraged.
 - Sessions should be inclusive and relevant to a global coaching audience.
- Aligned with ICF Converge Summit Themes

If your subject matter expertise and facilitation skills meet the criteria above, we invite you to **submit your proposal by November 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (New York)**.

CONTENT THEMES AND LEVELS

ICF Converge Summit 2026 welcomes proposals within four key themes, as well as other relevant coaching topics:

1. Supporting the Coaching Community.
2. The Business of Coaching.
3. Coaching Unique Populations.
4. Coaching in Organizations.

Sessions will be organized into three levels:

- **Foundational:** Introductory sessions for those new to the topic.
- **Established:** Intermediate sessions for those ready to deepen their understanding.
- **Advanced:** Expert-level discussions for experienced practitioners.

We encourage submissions at all content levels to cater to our diverse audience. These levels aren't restrictive but guide attendees in choosing sessions that match their experience and learning goals.

Remember, your proposal doesn't have to fit into these themes or levels. We're looking for compelling content that adds value to the coaching community!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There is no fee to submit a proposal. However, if selected, presenters agree to:

- Register for the full conference at a discounted rate.
- Cover their own travel and accommodation expenses, including flights and hotel.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Converge Call for Proposals will be open from September 22 – November 7, 2025.

Extensions will not be granted for any reason, including technical difficulties. **Late submissions or proposals submitted via email, fax, or mail will not be considered.**

- ICF members and non-members are eligible to submit proposals.
- Accepted presenters are required to present in person and may be assigned to any session slot throughout the conference, which will be determined at a later time. Once assigned, **session times cannot be changed.**
- Please respond to every proposal question. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. If you experience any difficulty in completing your application, please contact conferences@coachingfederation.org well in advance of the submission deadline.

- If you are speaking about coaching and coaching skills, your session must reflect the [ICF definition of coaching](#), [the ICF Core Competencies](#), and [the ICF Code of Ethics](#).
- ICF Converge Summit 2026 attendees will represent diverse backgrounds and levels of experience. Your proposal should reflect the goals and learning objectives of this diverse audience.
- Our goal is to support diversity of thought through enabling as many unique voices as possible to present at Converge. Therefore, limited exceptions to the one presentation per speaker guideline will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- The official language of the ICF Converge Summit 2026 will be English. Simultaneous translation in over 60 different languages will be available through Wordly technology.
- ICF will provide a virtual orientation to all ICF Converge Summit 2026 presenters who are selected for the event. *If your proposal is selected, you must complete this orientation.*
- ICF will provide templates for slide presentations and handout materials. *If your session is selected, you must use these templates and comply with the ICF brand guidelines provided to all presenters by ICF.* All session materials must be free of any promotional material or reference to the presenter(s)' business, though contact information can be shared on the final presentation slide. Poster presenters will receive specific details on poster presentation layout and logistics.

APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

- Before submitting your ICF Converge Summit proposal, please make sure you have read and understood the information provided in this document.
- Submission of a proposal will serve as an “opt-in” to receive ongoing communication from ICF regarding the selection process. Further, you acknowledge that ICF will retain information submitted by you via our questionnaire until the conclusion of the ICF Converge Summit 2026.
- Proposals will be reviewed by volunteer coaches and ICF staff. ICF will have the final decision for acceptances and the determination of scheduling for sessions.
- Submission does not guarantee acceptance. Proposals may be accepted as other submission types (theme, length, etc.) than originally submitted. Submitters will be notified in advance of any suggested change.
- Submissions will be reviewed in **December and January**. You will be notified of your submission in early February 2026.
- For questions regarding proposal submission, contact conferences@coachingfederation.org.