



2026 Call for Workshop* Proposals

The WISE Conference Steering Committee announces an open call for proposals to facilitate 2026 Workshops, four-hour intensive learning opportunities for participants to delve deeper into a specific topic related to intercultural learning. Workshop topics may range from intercultural skill building techniques, research methods, innovative pedagogies, intercultural training topics, resources for faculty designing/enhancing study abroad programs, and/or emerging topics related to campus-based global programs.

About WISE Conference

Hosted by the Center for Global Programs & Studies at Wake Forest University, the Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement (WISE) is a pioneering conference for faculty leaders, program coordinators, administrators, and advisors to advance knowledge and skills for developing their students' intercultural awareness during global experiences. The conference focus is "Enhancing Intercultural Learning at Home and Abroad." WISE attracts a national audience of international educators, practitioners, and faculty across disciplines. **The 18th annual WISE Conference will be held February 19-21, 2026, in Winston-Salem, NC.**

Workshop Criteria

- Present current topics relevant to intercultural learning/training through four (4) hours of content
- Encourage discussion among participants and facilitate an interactive learning environment
- Provide concrete "take aways" for faculty and professional staff to utilize in their work
- Be supported by research in the field and/or professional experience

Tentative Workshop Schedule

Pre-Conference: Thursday, February 19, 2026 | 10:00am - 3:00pm, with lunch from 12:00 - 1:00pm

Invited workshop facilitators will receive registration for their workshop date as well as complimentary registration for the general WISE Conference.

Deadline: August 15, 2025

Contact wiseconference@wfu.edu with questions.

***The Call for Session Proposals will open later this summer.**

Pre-Conference Workshop Submission Form

WISE Conference - February 2026

Submit your complete proposal to wiseconference@wfu.edu

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1. Contact Details for Lead Facilitator

Name:

Title:

Institution/Organization:

Address:

Email:

Phone number (office):

Phone number (mobile):

If applicable --

Co-facilitator #1: name, title, organization, email

Co-facilitator #2: name, title, organization, email

2. Title of proposed workshop:

3. Describe the topic and content of your pre-conference workshop proposal, including learning goals and deliverables for participants.

4. Describe the target audience for your topic.

5. Describe the structure of your workshop and how you intend to make the workshop interactive for participants.

6. Provide a rough outline of how you will utilize the four hours allotted for workshops.

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7. Provide any additional information relevant to your workshop that you would like considered.

8. Provide a bio for each facilitator, including facilitators' background related to proposed workshop topic. If your proposal is accepted, a condensed version will be requested for our marketing materials.

9. For the lead facilitator only, provide most recent history (or highlights) of presentation/facilitation experience:

| <i>Conference or event</i> | <i>Month & Year</i> | <i>Presentation Title</i> | <i>Format & Length</i> |
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| Example: The Forum | March 2019 | The Theory of Everything Intercultural | Session, 75 minutes |
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10. Attach a current CV of lead presenter with your submission.

11. If not selected as a pre-conference workshop facilitator, would you like your topic considered for a concurrent session (75 minutes) during the general Conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

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