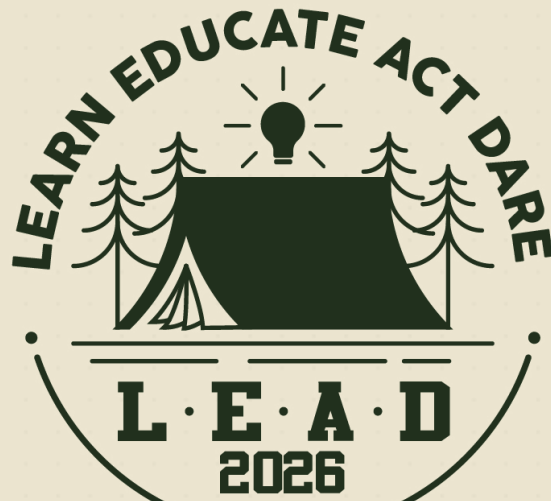


A GUIDE FOR PRESENTERS ♦ LEARN • EDUCATE • ACT • DARE



PRESENTER GUIDE

THE L · E · A · D · 2026 CONFERENCE

November 13–15, 2026

GULL LAKE CENTRE • LACOMBE COUNTY, ALBERTA



SHARE YOUR PASSION

Why Present at L.E.A.D.?

YOUR IDEAS DESERVE AN AUDIENCE



Presenting at L.E.A.D. is one of the most rewarding ways to make the conference your own. Here's what's in it for you:

-  Build public-speaking confidence and sharpen your Q&A skills in real time.
-  Get constructive feedback from peers and mentors to level up your project.
-  Strengthen your resume — presenting signals initiative, leadership, and ambition.
-  Network with future collaborators and mentors during breaks and poster sessions.
-  Turn your ideas into conversations — fresh perspectives and inspiration await.



Presentation Types

PICK THE FORMAT THAT FITS YOU



Formal Presentations

Delegates can submit a proposal to present at L.E.A.D. Topics can be passionate, personal, educational, and creative — but must relate to Residence Life in some capacity.



Passive Programs

Not a fan of public speaking? Show off your ideas another way. Passive presentations — posterboards, tri-folds, or 3D model displays — are designed to be viewed by delegates independently, with little or no explanation required.



The Proposal Process

SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 18, 2026



As a student leader in residence, you share responsibilities with colleagues across institutions — on-call duties, programming, community building. What sets you apart is your individual passion for a specific part of your role. **That passion is the foundation of a truly memorable presentation.**

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE**

Sun, Oct 18, 2026

**SELECTION NOTICE**

Shortly after

**READY TO PITCH YOUR IDEA?****Submit your proposal**

Scan the code or open the Google Form to apply. Follow the six steps on the next pages to build a stand-out submission.

[Open the L.E.A.D. 2026 Proposal Form →](#)



Choose Your Topic

STEP 1 OF 6



Ask yourself:

- 🍃 What are you passionate about?
- 🍃 What personal lesson are you currently learning? (boundaries, time management, personal development)
- 🍃 What have you learned in class that others could benefit from? (Indigenous Relations, Psychology, Management)
- 🍃 What have you done effectively as an RA that others would benefit from knowing? (virtual or passive programming, mediation)
- 🍃 What do you wish you'd known when you started your role?
- 🍃 What does your institution do particularly well that other RAs could adopt?
- 🍃 Can you speak engagingly on this topic for 25–50 minutes?
- 🍃 Is your topic relevant and applicable to Residence Life?
- 🍃 What will attendees take away — and why is your session worth their time?



Title & Abstract

STEPS 2 AND 3 OF 6

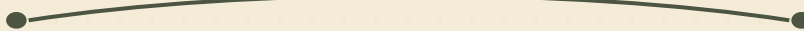


STEP 2

Create an Interesting Title

Your title is the first thing the committee and attendees will see. Tips:

- ✦ Use rhymes or alliteration
- ✦ Start with a quote
- ✦ Keep it relevant and avoid unfamiliar acronyms
- ✦ Use a play on words, or give a sneak peek into your content



STEP 3

Write an Engaging Abstract

In 100 words or less, connect with prospective attendees and draw them in. Start catchy, end tangible. Consider:

- 🍃 What is your focus?
- 🍃 How is your topic related to campus life?
- 🍃 What makes your approach unique?
- 🍃 What is the fundamental takeaway?



Description, Why & Safety

STEPS 4 TO 6 OF 6

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STEP 4

Write a Stand-Out Description

Expand on your abstract with more focused detail. Identify your main talking points, what attendees will take away, and how you plan to use your time. Give reviewers a clear framework of your session structure.



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STEP 5

The Why

Tell us why you selected your topic, how it relates to campus housing, and what attendees will gain from attending your session.



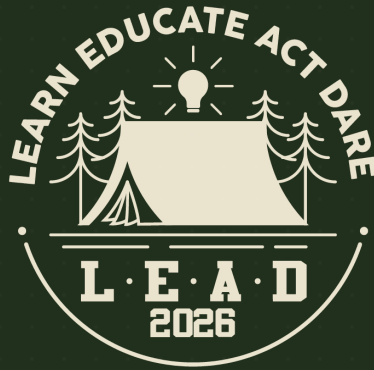
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STEP 6

Safety & Inclusion

Describe how you'll make your session a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for all attendees. Consider:

- ♡ How will you reduce barriers so everyone can participate?
- ♡ How have you considered your own lived experiences and privilege in relation to your topic?



We Can't Wait to Hear From You

Your passion is what makes L.E.A.D. unforgettable. Pick your topic, submit your proposal, and get ready to inspire your fellow student leaders.

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Proposals due **October 18, 2026** · Questions? **lead@rlpa.ca**