

Call for Proposals

UMBC's 5th Annual Adjunct Faculty Innovation Day – October 10, 2026

Dear Fellow Adjunct Faculty;

The Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee [AFAC] is pleased to issue a call for proposals to present at our Fall 2026 Innovation Day. Held at UMBC, our conference celebrates the invaluable contributions of adjunct faculty to UMBC and the higher education community; providing a platform for adjunct faculty to showcase their research, innovative pedagogies, and professional development insights.

Conference Theme:

Innovation

Topics of Interest:

- Adjunct-led research projects
- Adjunct faculty working conditions
- Innovative pedagogy
- Application of new technology in the classroom
- Strategies for student engagement and motivation
- Professional development opportunities for adjunct faculty
- Best practices in course design and assessment
- Support of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in higher education

Submission Guidelines:

- Presentation proposals should be submitted using the provided Google Form.
- Each proposal should include:
 - Title of the presentation
 - Abstract (maximum 250 words)
 - Presenter(s) name(s) and affiliation(s)
 - Contact information (email, phone)
- Presentations can be in the format of workshops, panels, roundtable discussions, or individual presentations.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on relevance to the conference theme, clarity, and potential impact.

- The deadline for submission is April 27, 2026.

Important Dates:

- Proposal Submission Deadline: Apr 27, 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: May 1, 2026
- Innovation Day date: October 10, 2026

Submission Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH1EoTFjiURORM5PYonyguVOGNZcAkmDU6cJy2luvOCE7uew/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=115294025739194523336>

Adjunct faculty members from all academic disciplines are encouraged to participate. The conference provides adjuncts the opportunity to share their expertise and experience with their faculty peers, and increases the general visibility of adjuncts as important members of the academic community. Your contributions will enrich the conference program, foster a vibrant exchange of ideas, and reinforce the significance of adjuncts' collective contributions to academia in general, to our broader communities, and to our specific disciplines and departments.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact:
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Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to your submissions!

Sincerely,

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