

Call for Applications: SIRC 2026 Pre-Conference Workshops

Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC) 2026 Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Theme: *Building Communities to Translate Evidence into Practice and Practice into Evidence*

Priority Areas for SIRC 2026

We welcome proposals that:

- Present tested engagement methods leading to high-quality engagement among partners
- Strengthen partnerships among researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and communities
- Advance bidirectional translation between research and real-world settings
- Provide practical tools for implementation planning, adaptation, sustainment, and scale
- Address power, context, and systems-level determinants of implementation
- Build capacity for community-engaged and co-created implementation research
- Develop sustainable financing and policy strategies
- Integrate emerging innovations (e.g., AI, data systems, hybrid designs, mechanisms research)

Workshops should demonstrate innovative partnerships and move beyond didactics and prioritize structured engagement, guided application, and community-building. Although each topic is different, we recommend planning the three hours of the session with relative balance between didactic and experiential activities.

What Makes a Strong SIRC Workshop?

Successful workshops typically:

- Address a common, well-defined implementation challenge or emerging priority
- Offer structured frameworks, tools, or decision aids participants can apply in their work immediately
- Incorporate highly interactive elements (e.g., small group exercises, webtool demos, guided reflection, case applications, hands-on tool use)
- Include presenters representing multiple sectors or lived experiences
- Provide real-world examples of translating evidence into practice and practice into evidence
- Articulate measurable learning objectives

We especially encourage proposals that model the type of community-building the theme calls for, including co-led workshops with community, clinical, system, or policy partners.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with the 2026 conference theme
- Scientific and practical rigor
- Clarity and feasibility
- Strength and measurability of learning objectives
- Depth of interactive engagement
- Inclusion of multiple perspectives and sectors

Preference may be given to workshops that:

- Prioritize structured engagement methods, guided applications and community-building approaches
- Demonstrate meaningful cross-sector collaboration
- Include community or practice partners as co-presenters
- Offer tools or structured methods participants can immediately apply
- Strengthen sustainable implementation capacity

Key Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** : May 11th, 2026 at 5 pm EST
- **Notification of Acceptance:** May 25th, 2026
- **Workshop Date:** Thursday, September 24, 2026
- **SIRC 2026 Conference Dates:** Friday, September 25, 2026 – Saturday, September 26, 2026

Why Lead a SIRC 2026 Workshop?

Pre-conference workshops are an opportunity to:

- Shape how communities of researchers and practitioners work together
- Elevate innovations from practice into broader evidence
- Equip the field with tools for sustainable impact
- Foster collaborations that extend beyond the conference

We look forward to proposals that help our community translate evidence into practice and practice into evidence.

For questions regarding workshop fit or scope, please contact:

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