

Horizons 2027 Request for Proposals

Introduction

Help shape Horizons 2027. We invite session proposals from people across the education, workforce, employer, government, philanthropy, investment, technology, and community sectors. We are looking for practical, engaging conversations that help participants understand what is changing and identify actions they can take.

Please submit one form for each proposal. You may submit more than one proposal, but each should present a distinct session idea. Horizons will curate a limited number of sessions and may combine or refine proposals to create the strongest overall program.

Submissions are due by 5:00 PM ET on December 21, 2026. Please review the proposal submission guidelines in their entirety before submitting a proposal.

Questions? Contact horizons@jff.org.



Proposal Submission Form

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Section A: Submitter Information

First name*

Last name*

Email address*

Job title*

Organization*

Organization type* (select one)

- Community-based organization
- Education or training provider
- Employer or business
- Government or public agency
- Investor or financial institution
- Nonprofit organization
- Philanthropy or foundation
- Research or policy organization
- Student, worker, or individual contributor
- Technology organization
- Workforce organization
- Other, specify

Your city and state*



How did you hear about Horizons?*

1. Colleague/friend
2. Horizons.jff.org
3. JFF email
4. JFF.org
5. Previous Attendee
6. Social media
7. Sponsor
8. Other, specify

Is there a JFF contact who encouraged you to submit?* If yes, please provide their name and/or JFF team.

1. Yes
2. No



Section B: Proposal Type

Is this proposal connected to an existing JFF program, initiative, sponsor, or partner?* If yes, please provide context.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Section C: Session Overview

Proposed session title* (maximum of 100 characters)

One-sentence session premise* (maximum of 300 characters)

Session description* (maximum of 1,000 characters)
Describe the challenge, opportunity, or question the session will address, the perspectives that will be included, and what attendees can expect to learn or take away.

What will participants learn or be able to apply in their own organizations or communities after this session?* (maximum of 500 characters)

Select the primary Horizons track* (select one)

- AI & the Future of Work
- Apprenticeships & Work-based Learning
- Career Navigation & Skills
- Fair Chance
- Innovation & Investment
- Policy & Practice
- Postsecondary Pathways
- States in Action



Select up to four tags*

Tags are descriptors that help the Horizons team organize and promote content.

- Adult and Working Learners
- AI and the Labor Market
- AI and Workforce Systems
- AI in Education
- Alternative and Short-Term Credentials
- Apprenticeship
- Career Coaching
- Career Navigation
- Community Colleges
- Credentials of Value
- Data and Evidence
- Dual Enrollment
- Education and Workforce Alignment
- Emerging Technology
- Employer Partnerships
- Employer Practices
- Entrepreneurship and Startup Innovation
- Fair Chance Hiring
- Federal Policy
- Higher Education Innovation
- Human Skills
- Human-Centered AI
- Impact Investing
- Incarceration and Reentry
- Justice-Impacted Learners
- K-12 to Career
- Labor Partnerships
- Learner Voice
- Outcomes-Based Financing
- Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic
- Philanthropic Funding
- Policy Implementation
- Public Workforce Systems
- Quality Jobs
- Regional Partnerships
- Responsible AI Adoption
- Service-to-Career
- Skilled Trades
- Skills-Based Hiring
- State and Local Policy
- Workforce System Change
- Work-Based Learning
- Worker Voice
- Youth and Early-Career Talent

What makes this session timely for Horizons 2027?* (maximum of 500 characters)



Section D: Audience and experience design

Who is the primary audience?* (select up to three)

- Community-based organizations
- Education and training providers
- Employers and business leaders
- Entrepreneurs and innovators
- Government and policymakers
- Nonprofit organizations
- Philanthropists and investors
- Researchers and analysts
- Students, workers, or learners
- Workforce development practitioners
- Other, specify

Which session format would best support the proposed learning experience?* (select one)

- Book talk - *Moderated author interview*
- Case study - *Facilitator-led, data-driven discussion of an implemented project*
- Fireside chat - *Informal but structured interview with one speaker and a moderator*
- Implementation session - *Facilitator-led discussion focused on translating high-level goals into actionable strategies*
- Moderated panel with structured audience participation - *Moderated conversation with no more than 4 participants, including moderator, with planned time for audience Q&A*
- Roundtable or facilitated peer exchange - *Facilitated peer-to-peer conversations led by a moderator and/or subject matter expert(s)*
- Other, specify

How will attendees participate in the session?* (maximum of 500 characters)

Describe the session flow and how attendees will engage.



Section E: Proposed speakers and facilitators

Sessions may include a maximum of four speakers, including the moderator.

Speaker 1:

- First name*
- Last name*
- Job title*
- Organization*
- Email address*
- LinkedIn or professional profile*
- Is this speaker the moderator?*
  - Yes
  - No
- Is the proposed speaker available on June 15-16, 2027?*
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not yet confirmed

Speaker 2:

- First name*
- Last name*
- Job title*
- Organization*
- Email address*
- LinkedIn or professional profile*
- Is this speaker the moderator?*
  - Yes
  - No
- Is the proposed speaker available on June 15-16, 2027?*
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not yet confirmed

Speaker 3:

- First name
- Last name
- Job title
- Organization
- Email address
- LinkedIn or professional profile
- Is this speaker the moderator?
  - Yes
  - No
- Is the proposed speaker available on June 15-16, 2027?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not yet confirmed

Speaker 4:

- First name
- Last name
- Job title
- Organization
- Email address
- LinkedIn or professional profile
- Is this speaker the moderator?
  - Yes
  - No
- Is the proposed speaker available on June 15-16, 2027?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not yet confirmed



Section G: Accessibility and logistics

If any of the suggested speakers require accessibility accommodations, please detail below. If none, enter N/A.*

Do any of the suggested speakers have schedule constraints that affect their availability during the Horizons Summit? The Horizons team cannot guarantee schedule accommodations.

Section H: Acknowledgments and permissions

Proposal acknowledgment*

I understand that submission does not guarantee selection. If selected, I understand that registration, travel, lodging, preferred session date, time, format, duration, or speaker roles are not guaranteed.

Editorial acknowledgment*

I understand that Jobs for the Future (JFF) may edit the title, description, speaker information, format, and learning objectives for clarity, consistency, accessibility, and program fit.

Collaboration acknowledgment *

If my proposal is substantively similar to another submission, I understand that JFF may request a combined or co-developed session.

Communications consent*

I agree to receive other communications from Jobs for the Future. You may unsubscribe from these communications at any time. For more information on how to unsubscribe, our privacy practices, and how we are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy, please review our Privacy Policy. By clicking "yes" below, you consent to allow Jobs for the Future to store and process the personal information submitted above to provide you the content requested.