



## ARIAS•U.S. 2021 Spring Conference

### Request for Ideas Guidelines and Submission

Deadline to Submit: February 8, 2021

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Submission Form: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARIAS\\_2021SC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARIAS_2021SC)

#### Overview

ARIAS•U.S. is seeking to find a range of multidisciplinary topics that's dynamic, interesting, and relevant for the 2021 Spring Conference - May 5-7, 2021, at the Ritz Carlton Amelia Island in Florida. The planning committee is looking for presentations on substantive insurance and reinsurance matters with great interest to companies, law firms, arbitrators, and professionals within the insurance/reinsurance industry. Submissions can include Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, and Ethics topics.

[We invite submissions](#) that fit within the listed conference formats below that explore specific challenges, topics, and relevant issues in-depth. Please review the guidelines of this RFP process before proceeding.

#### Presentation Formats

Submissions should be interactive, well organized, encourages audience engagement, and provides actionable activities. Possible formats include:

- **Industry Talks** (1-3 Speakers • 60 mins) – An informal sixty-minute presentation highlighting key insights and industry trends influencing businesses, and including an audience Q&A.
- **Debates** (2-4 Speakers • 60 mins) – A constructive moderated discussion between opposing viewpoints, followed by audience Q&A.
- **General Conversations** (1-2 Speakers • 60 mins) – A speaker(s) lead informal and open conversation with attendees around a particular topic.
- **Case Studies** (1-3 Speakers • 60 mins) – An opportunity for individuals or organizations to present their research and analyses of projects, policies, institutions, or other systems followed by an audience Q&A.
- **Workshops** (1-3 Speakers • 60 mins) – An in-depth, instructional program with hands-on learning and specific takeaways.
- **ARI Talk** (1 Speaker • 18 mins) – One main topic idea limited to 15-18 mins. Provide attendees with discussion topics for post-presentation.
- **Optional Presentation Format** – Do you have another idea to share? We encourage creativity, so share your ideas with us.

#### Guidelines for Submission

- Proposals may be submitted for a targeted audience (i.e. Arbitrators/Umpires, Company Representatives, and Counsels).
- Presentations will be considered based on quality of topic, introduction of new and innovative concepts, importance of the subject-matter to insurance/reinsurance arbitration, and appeal to the target audience(s).
- The lead presenter organizes the presentation and is responsible for submitting the proposal application, organizing the group session, and moderating the discussion.
- This RFP is open to subject-matter experts. Those interested may submit more than one proposal.
- Speakers accepted must agree to adhere to a timeline provided by ARIAS•U.S. to submit conference materials, including PowerPoint presentations, and supplementary materials in advance of the conference.
- Speakers are responsible for their own travel, hotel room, incidentals, and registration costs.
- The deadline to [submit](#) is February 8, 2021.