Baltimore Immigration Summit

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TOWSON UNIVERSITY



The 2027 Baltimore Immigration Summit is now accepting presentation proposals. This year's theme, **The Future is Ours: Cultivating Courage, Community, and Growth**, is a call to take a proactive role in shaping the future we want to see, even when circumstances are uncertain or challenging.

We invite presenters to share research, initiatives, and projects that align with this theme and seek to advance the well-being and rights of Baltimore's immigrant communities. Presenters may choose to apply to speak as a panelist or to present a poster.

Proposals will be accepted until **Friday, January 15, 2027**, at **5 PM**.

APPLY TO PRESENT



Proposals that demonstrate strong potential for **audience engagement**, **meaningful participation**, and **interactive discussion** will receive priority consideration during the selection process.



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Proposals should be focused on the local Baltimore (City and/or County) area.
- Activists, artists, community members, scholars, service providers, policy makers, and others are all welcome to apply to present.
- Additional co-presenters **cannot** be added after the submission deadline. Please ensure your proposal includes all intended presenters and their contact information before submitting.

Contact bis@baltimorecity.gov with any questions or for more information.

GENERAL GUIDELINES, CONTINUED

- **Office hours**: Please take advantage of our optional office hours to ask questions and receive guidance on your proposal. Office hour dates, times, and links can be found on the last page.
- **Operational capacity**: Accepted presenters are expected to organize details for the panel session (e.g., respond to email communications in a timely manner to confirm panel information and speakers, attend prep calls with BIS, and coordinate with BIS on final logistics).
- **Returning presenters**: Individuals and organizations who have presented in prior years are more than welcome to apply to present again. However, please ensure that your proposal entails different content than has been presented in past Summits.
- **Diversity and inclusion**: The submission form will ask if the proposal includes presenter(s) with New American backgrounds. This is not a requirement, but priority may be given to proposals that include presenters with New American backgrounds.
- **Prohibition on commercial activity**: Proposals entailing solicitations or advertisements for businesses or personal services will not be accepted.

PANELS

- During breakout sessions, panelists will come together to engage in discussions with each other and answer questions from the audience.
- **Diversity of perspectives**: Panel proposals with presenters from only one organization or focused solely on one initiative will not be considered. Panel proposals should be representative of multiple organizations and multidisciplinary approaches to the selected topic and must include a minimum of two and a maximum of four presenters.
- **Collaboration**: We may combine proposals that are complimentary to reduce duplication across the event's programming.
- **Number of submissions**: Due to programming time and space constraints and the breadth of stakeholders, we encourage organizations to limit the number of panel proposals to two per organization at most.

POSTERS

- Posters will be displayed throughout the day, and during a dedicated session, presenters will make themselves available to engage in discussions with attendees circulating among the posters.
- **Co-presenters**: Up to four presenters are permitted per poster. Please coordinate in advance and submit only one proposal per poster with all presenters' names, organizations, and email addresses. Poster co-presenters from the same organization are permitted.
- **Printing costs**: Posters are printed at your own cost, and easels will be provided for display.
- **Poster language**: Posters must be presented in English but may also include additional languages.



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Presentation Type: Panel or Poster

Contact Information for Each Presenter: Name, organization, email address, and phone number

Additional Questions

- Have all presenters listed in this proposal confirmed their participation?
- Will your presentation include any New American representation?



Panel Proposal

Panel Track: *Select in which panel track you would like to speak.*

- Community Engagement
- Economy and Housing
- Health and Wellness
- Law and Policy
- Technology and Innovation

Panel topics can be found on the next page. You can also submit your own topic, but it should still fit within the theme of the track you've selected.

- **Panel Topic**: *Specify on which panel topic you would like to speak. There is also the option to submit your own topic, but it should still fit within the theme of the track you've selected. Topics can be found on page 4.*
- **Panel Title** *(100 characters maximum)*
- What are the **questions** that you want to answer and discuss during a panel on this topic? *(50-100 words)*
- What are the **key takeaways** with which you want your audience to walk away? *(50-100 words)*
- How will you **engage your audience** creatively? *(25-50 words)*

Poster Proposal

- **Poster Title** *(100 characters maximum)*
- **Poster Abstract**: *Provide a brief description of your proposed poster. (100-125 words)*
- How does your proposed poster **embody this year's theme**, "The Future Is Ours: Cultivating Courage, Community, and Growth?" *(25-50 words)*
- If you would like to present a poster in **language(s) in addition to English**, please indicate which language(s). *Posters must be presented in English but can also be presented in additional language(s), if desired.*

PANEL TOPICS

Community Engagement

Immigrant youth engagement
Immigrant narratives and storytelling
Countering mis/disinformation against immigrants

Economy & Housing

Vocational training and workforce development
Entrepreneurship and small business resources
Tenant rights and housing stability

Health & Wellness

Mental health, trauma, and healing
Healthcare access and public benefits after H.R. 1
LGBTQ+ and other culturally inclusive healthcare

Law & Policy

Crimmigration (the intersection of criminal law and immigration law)
Immigration enforcement as a form of censorship
Immigration legal services scams

Technology & Innovation

Technological advances in language access
Data in immigrant services and policymaking
Surveillance technology in immigration enforcement

KEY DATES

2026

Call for presenters opens
Nov 5

Sign up
Office hours (12-1 PM)
Nov 16

2027

Office hours (12-1 PM)
Jan 11

Sign up
Call for presenters closes
Jan 15

Notification of acceptances
Feb 5

Deadline to confirm your presentation
Feb 12

14th Baltimore Immigration Summit
Jun 4