

Call for Speakers Frequently Asked Questions

When does the NICE Conference Call for Speakers open? When are submissions due?

The Call for Speakers opens Tuesday, September 7th and will close on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time. The submission portal for the Emerging Topics track will be open till Sunday, March 6, 2022. Submissions received after the relevant closing date will not be reviewed.

When will I find out if I have been accepted?

Speakers who submitted proposals for the first three tracks and met the deadline and requirements will be notified by February 2022 of their selection status. Submissions for the Emerging Topics track will be notified by the end of March 2022.

How many speaking slots are available?

We anticipate no more than 36 sessions within our 4 tracks.

How are sessions selected?

A volunteer Program Committee, comprised of security practitioners, technology experts, researchers, government employees, and educators, review all submissions and make selections based on quality of submissions and balance of topics to be covered.

How do I increase my odds of getting selected?

The NICE Conference values diversity of thought, background, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, and experience. Let your unique perspective and expertise shine in what you submit. Thoughtful, complete, and unique submissions with clear relevance and specific objectives will improve your chances of being selected. It is also important that all presentations offer something new. We recommend that you do not submit presentations that have been previously shared at other conferences or meetings.

What are the main reasons speakers don't get selected?

1. **Incomplete or insufficiently detailed submission.** The session outline and intended learning outcomes portions of the submission are the most important pieces of the entire submission.
2. **Vendor pitch.** Sales pitches are easy to spot, and our Program Committee quickly eliminates them from consideration.
3. **Multiple submissions.** The Program Committee seeks to build a diverse program. With limited sessions available, no more than 1 or 2 presentations are likely to be selected from the same organization.
4. **Déjà vu.** Presentations that have appeared on programs for other conferences preceding the NICE Conference are not likely to be considered. We are looking for new voices, new ideas, and innovative topics that haven't been discussed before.

Who can I contact if I have problems submitting my proposal or have not received notification of my acceptance status by late-March?

The friendly NICE Conference staff are happy to assist you by email at info@niceconference.org.