

The National Association of Equine Affiliated Equine Academics (NAEAA) is pleased to announce that our <u>annual conference</u>, to be held at Colorado State University, will be June 2-3 in Fort Collins, CO. The 2025 conference will consist of a mix of workshops, panels, invited speakers, and social activities.

We invite all NAEAA members to consider submitting a proposal for a workshop or panel discussion at the conference. Panel discussions and workshops are a great way for attendees to learn new perspectives about a specific topic, foster collaborations, and engage in professional growth. A panel discussion involves a moderator guiding multiple panelists (~ 3-5) as they each present about their expertise on a particular thought-provoking or timely topic or issue followed by questions for the panelist from the audience. A workshop is an educational program that emphasizes interaction and exchange of information related to a particular topic. Instructions for submitting abstracts can be found below.

Topics may include, but are not limited to: innovations in teaching, learning, and assessment, experiential learning (internships, study abroad, etc.), program administration, and industry engagement. Submissions from students and industry representatives are highly encouraged. Topics related to diversity, equity, and inclusion in equine academics are also highly encouraged.

This year to foster collaboration, there is a joint workshop session with the <u>Equine Science</u> <u>Society</u>. More on that below. Submissions for the NAEAA only portion of the conference should be no more than 80 minutes in length. There is no limit on the number of abstracts an individual may submit.

Submit an abstract: https://forms.gle/Awbm5b9Q2xa1rHA67

Registration and housing information will be available in early spring on the <u>NAEAA website</u>. Whether you are considering submitting an abstract or not, NAEAA invites all educators and industry representatives in all equine affiliated academic fields to join us in Colorado for our 2025 conference! In addition, if you know of anyone who might have an interest in joining NAEAA or attending the conference, please forward them this announcement.

New from NAEAA and ESS for 2025!

The Equine Science Society (ESS) and the National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA) are combining efforts to bring you engaging and timely workshops, panel discussions and a new Equine Insights and Applications scientific session, to take place on Tuesday, June

3rd as part of both the NAEAA annual conference and ESS Symposium at Colorado State University (CSU)!

First, we are seeking submissions for Workshop and Panel Discussions. These are 80-minute sessions and will take place on the Colorado State University campus. We are specifically interested in workshops and/or panel discussions that can capitalize on the unique settings of a college campus, including hands-on, interactive workshops, and/or demonstrations. There is the ability to conduct both wet labs and use computer labs. These sessions can be a great way for attendees to learn new perspectives about a specific topic and engage in professional growth. As a guideline, a panel discussion involves a moderator guiding multiple panelists (~ 3-5) as they each present about their expertise on a particular thought-provoking or timely topic or issue followed by questions for the panelist from the audience. A workshop is an educational program that emphasizes interaction and exchange of information related to a particular topic and may include demonstrations and/or wet labs or computer labs, depending on the subject.

Secondly, we seek submissions for the Equine Science Society's new Equine Insights and Applications session, that will also take place during a "workshop" time slot(s), on Tuesday afternoon at CSU. These topics will be presented in traditional 12 min time slots, with PowerPoint slides and 3 minutes for questions, as time allows. Topics of interest include areas of equine science that don't clearly fit into current and/or traditional NAEAA and ESS submissions, such as equine-related tips and tricks, social media information or findings, equine welfare topics, lessons learned in teaching and Extension, equine-human relationship work, and more.

All submissions for Workshops, Panels and Equine Insights and Applications sessions will require a scientific abstract, subject to review by organizational sub-committees for acceptance. Abstracts will not be published in the Journal of Equine Veterinary Science, however they will be published on the ESS and NAEAA websites, as appropriate. These abstracts are not eligible for society competitions or awards. Workshops/panels may be combined if applicable. Abstracts must be submitted by **February 14th**, **2025 at 11:59 pm**, **EST**. Acceptance emails will be sent by Friday, March 14th, 2025.

Thank you for your engagement on these matters – NAEAA and ESS are excited to bring everyone together to foster intellectual collaboration, discussion, ideation and scholarly camaraderie.

Please click on the following Google Document Link (https://forms.gle/Awbm5b9Q2xa1rHA67) to submit your topic, abstract, and session requirements.