



# **IFT Annual Event Educational Session Submission Guidelines**

## **IFT21**

Chicago, IL, USA

July 18 – 21, 2021





## Annual Event Education Program Overview

IFT's Annual Event is a platform for our community to come together to help feed the world and shape the [future of food](#). The Call for Proposals provides our entire community with the opportunity to submit a session, not only to share knowledge, but to establish oneself as a thought-leader.

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### Program Goals

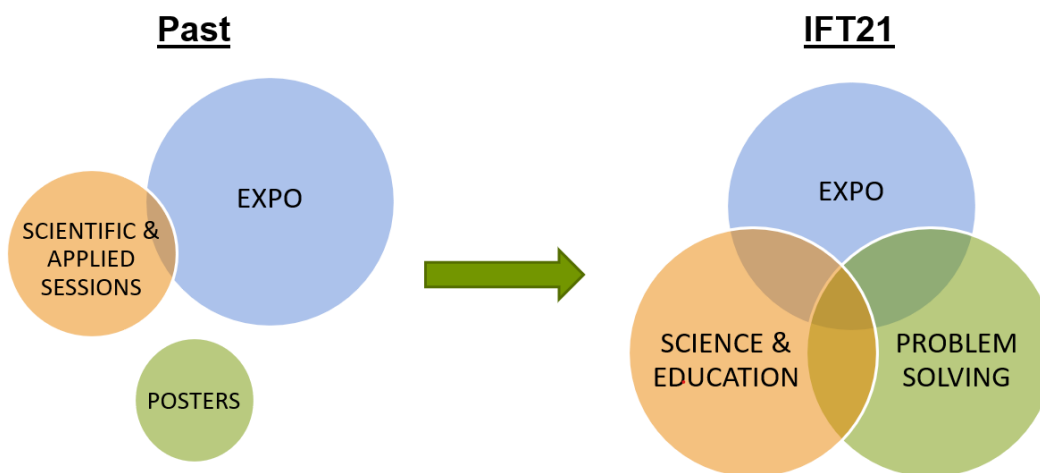
**Provide a platform** for high quality, thought-provoking, and impactful educational content to be shared with the broader science of food community

Encourage and promote **knowledge-sharing and collaboration** to address challenges facing the global food system

**Align sessions with the needs** of IFT's community

Create an **integrated attendee experience**

Make IFT's Annual Event educational program **inclusive**





## Key Dates

- **September 21, 2020:** Call for Proposals Opens
  - **November 18, 2020:** Call for Proposals Closes at 11:59pm CST
  - **November 25 – December 18, 2020:** Tier 1 Reviewers conduct initial peer review to score proposals and identify high-quality, relevant sessions
  - **December 22 – January 31:** Annual Meeting Scientific Program Advisory Panel (AMSPAP) members review Tier 1 Reviewers' recommendations and make final selection of accepted proposals
  - **February 19, 2021:** Submitters to be notified the status of their proposals
  - **July 18-21, 2021:** IFT21 Annual Event
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## Helpful Hints

- Submitters are encouraged to:
    - Address an issue or question facing the global food system
    - Consider interdisciplinary perspectives
    - Seek opportunities to include individuals from underrepresented groups
  - Proposals should be well written, clearly articulating the value of the science
  - Proposals should reflect the audience's perspectives or needs
  - Incomplete proposals will not be considered
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## Enhancements to the Call for Proposals

The new Call for Proposals aims to make life easier for the scientific community to showcase novel research and innovative solutions that address the major challenges facing the global food system. Questions were gathered by the IFT community to understand what issues they would like addressed at next year's Annual Event. IFT is asking the community to submit proposals that are related to those questions or directly address them.



## Session Formats

The IFT21 educational program is intended to spur discussion of the science, trends, innovations and challenges facing professionals throughout the food industry; to allow for focused conversations to apply these big ideas to different sectors, disciplines, and use cases; and to share the outcomes of research, emerging discoveries and novel applications. The program will feature both traditional and non-traditional session formats including lecture-style presentations as well as more interactive sessions and new short-format Innovation Showcase.

1. Individual Presentations (30 minutes)
  - Recommend 1-2 presenters
  - Formats: Standard presentation, fireside chat, interview, or debate
  - May be aligned to other presentations related to a similar topic or target audience
2. Workshops, Roundtables, and Panel Discussions (45 minutes)
  - Recommend 2-4 presenters
  - An interactive session focused heavily on audience engagement
3. Innovation Showcase, Quick Fire (10 minutes)
  - Recommend 1 presenter
  - High-level overview of a single concept, innovation, idea, or trend
  - **Note:** This is not an alternative to the Technical Research Paper (poster) program, which includes the Research Showcase opportunity for technical research

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## Note on Cannabis-Related Content

IFT strives to provide high quality, relevant research and educational programming on key focus areas that impact professionals, the industry, and consumers. For proposals that address issues related to cannabis and its application in the food and beverage industry, IFT's review panel will evaluate the proposal based upon scientific merit, adherence to IFT's professional code of ethics, and the degree to which the program will advance the application of sound science without advocating or supporting the violation of any local, national, or international laws.



## Right of First Refusal



IFT reserves the right to publish the accepted abstracts in a Book of Abstracts, on the IFT website or both. Authors are not required to submit papers for publication. Papers should not have been published prior to IFT20. The right of first refusal applies to all research, science and technology abstracts/papers presented at IFT21. Authors are encouraged to submit their papers for consideration in IFT's publications— the Journal of Food Science (JFS), Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety (CRFSFS), the Journal of Food Science Education (JFSE), and Food Technology. As soon as possible after IFT21, authors should visit <http://ift.ManuscriptCentral.com> to submit their manuscripts to JFS, CRFSFS, and JFSE. To submit to Food Technology, contact Mary Ellen Kuhn at [mkuhn@ift.org](mailto:mkuhn@ift.org). You may call the IFT Publications Office at 312-782-8424 for further information. Those who do not wish to publish their papers in IFT publications, but rather other journals should contact Amanda Ferguson [aferguson@ift.org](mailto:aferguson@ift.org) to request permission.

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