



IFT21 Educational Session Proposals Tier 1 Evaluation Criteria

IFT21 brings together science of food professionals from around the globe, representing all segments of the profession. These professionals converge with the intention to inspire and transform collective knowledge into innovative solutions to help advance our planet's food safety, nutrition, and sustainability. As such, proposal submitters are encouraged to be innovative, culturally sensitive, and thoughtful in proposing appealing sessions that are inclusive and reflect the diversity of the science of food in terms of speaker locality and background (gender, ethnicity, career stage, etc.), professional affiliation (IFT members and non-members), professional identity, and showcase international and/or cross-disciplinary collaborations.

- Seek opportunities to include individuals from underrepresented groups
- Ensure that all communications, materials, and resources associated with the session reflect inclusive language
- Facilitate a respectful and inclusive approach to diversity within the presentation
- Create an environment where all speakers are treated equally and respectfully
- Provide a variety of perspectives by featuring collaborations and partnerships to enhance the value of content
- Employ content delivery methods that reflect the learning needs of a diverse audience, e.g., small group and large group interactions, opportunities for both ad hoc interaction and reflective activities, visual, audio, and sensory tools that convey knowledge.

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IFT21 Session Proposal - Tier 1 Reviewer Rubric Criteria Descriptions

Score	Scientific Merit	Relevancy to the Food Science Industry	Innovation	Quality of Program Proposal	Quality of Speakers
5	The proposal is driven by high-quality science with excellent supporting data, information, and thoroughly reflects the diversity of work being one on the topic	Very relevant to IFT members and general food science professionals	The proposed topic is extremely innovative and has the potential to significantly impact the industry	The proposal is very thorough and includes all necessary components to effectively review it, and demonstrates a thoughtful and thorough inclusive approach to conveying the content to the audience	The speakers are highly qualified to deliver the science and/or information
4	The proposal is driven by relatively high-quality science with good supporting data, information, and largely reflects the diversity of working being done on the topic	Moderately relevant to IFT members and general food science professionals. I believe this proposal is important for IFT21's scientific program	The proposed topic is moderately innovative and has the potential to moderately impact the industry	The proposal is relatively thorough and includes most of the necessary components to effectively review it and demonstrates a considerate approach to inclusively conveying the content to the audience	The speakers are moderately qualified to deliver the science and/or information
3	The proposal is driven by moderate quality science that lacks adequate supporting data, information, and reflects some of the diversity of work being done on the topic	Slightly relevant to IFT members and general food science professionals. I think it would fit into the program but think some aspects need rethinking	The proposed topic is slightly innovative and has the potential to slightly impact the industry	The proposal is somewhat thorough and includes some of the necessary components to effectively review it and demonstrates an attempt at an inclusive approach to conveying the content to the audience	The speakers are somewhat qualified to deliver the science and/or information
2	The proposal is driven by poor science with little supporting data, information, and reflects little of the diversity of work being done on the topic	Not very relevant to IFT members and general food science professionals. I'm not convinced this program is necessary to have at IFT21.	The proposed topic is not very innovative and is not likely to impact the industry	The proposal is not very thorough and does not include some necessary components to effectively review it and demonstrates little attempt at an inclusive approach to conveying the content to the audience	The speakers are not very qualified to deliver the science and/or information
1	The proposal is driven by extremely poor science with non-relevant or non-existent supporting data, information, and does not reflect the diversity of work being done on the topic	Not at all relevant to IFT members and general food science professionals.	The proposed topic is not at all innovative and will not impact the industry	The proposal is not at all thorough and does not include most necessary components to effectively review it and does not articulate an inclusive approach to conveying the content to the audience	The speakers are not at all qualified to deliver the science and/or information
Weight	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%