

Call for Special Sessions

UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference

June 14-16, 2022 | Greenville, SC

Liberty Bridge at Falls Park on the Reedy River, downtown Greenville, SC. (Photo: Craig Lee) Walk from the conference hotel along a revitalized Main Street with craft pubs, local shops, and restaurants to this urban oasis of inviting trails and gardens.

Join us as we head to the Southeast in 2022. Nestled up against the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the heart of South Carolina's Upcountry, Greenville is a social distancing dreamland. The region's rich history, state parks, national forests, and wilderness areas provide endless opportunities for outdoor exploration. UCOWR is a family-friendly organization, and we invite you to extend your conference participation and enjoy the abundance of opportunities a trip to Greenville offers.

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[Universities Council on Water Resources](#) and [National Institutes of Water Resources](#) are pleased to invite you to submit your proposals for special sessions for the 2022 Annual Conference.

Special sessions are an important component of the conference and provide an opportunity to delve into current perspectives on a range of contemporary water resources challenges.

We call your attention to a special focus on **Water Resilience**, to encourage conversations about how watersheds, ecosystems, infrastructure systems, governance structures, and communities can adapt and transform in the face of current and future stressors. Special sessions are not limited to this topical area. We welcome sessions that cover a range of water-related research, extension, and education topics— [see past agendas here](#).

Creativity is encouraged! Propose a standard session with a collection of oral presentations, a workshop, participatory session, panel discussion, hands-on training, or another unique, engaging format. UCOWR strongly supports students and young professionals. We encourage session formats to engage these audiences.

Submit your Special Session Proposal by October 8, 2021

Special Session Proposals should include:

- Title of proposed special session
- A brief description (less than 350 words) stating the importance of the topic and the rationale for the proposed session
- Session Organizer(s), including contact information
- Type of proposed session(s): panel discussion, full length talks (15 min), lightning talks (5 min), participatory session, or workshop
- Preferred session(s) length: 60, 75, or 90 minutes
- A draft list of presenters (to submit abstracts via the general Call for Abstracts) and their tentative titles

Submit proposals to Karl Williard (ucowr@siu.edu) by October 8.

- The planning committee will review proposals and email acceptance notifications by October 22.
- Call for Abstracts will be issued October 25. Abstract submissions are due January 24, 2022.
- Session organizers should have oral presenters in their session submit abstracts to the general Call for Abstracts. Session organizers only need to submit one abstract for a panel, workshop, or participatory session.

COVID-19 Considerations: Please note, the planning committee is aware of and carefully considering the potential pandemic impacts through June 2022. The current plan is to offer an in-person conference experience to our attendees to maximize networking opportunities.

General Questions: Karl Williard, Exec. Director (williard@siu.edu) or Melissa May, Administrative Asst. (ucowr@siu.edu)

Please visit ucowr.org/conference for general conference information.