

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Workshops and Roundtables

2026 Student Personnel Administrators' Network Conference *Partners in Possibility: Building a Stronger Future Together through Collaboration*

March 10–12, 2026 | Charlotte Marriott SouthPark | Charlotte, NC

The Student Personnel Administrators' Network (SPAN) steering committee, along with ATS staff, invites the submission of proposals for workshop or roundtable discussion sessions at the 2026 conference. The annual SPAN Conference is designed to support and connect those serving in multiple areas of student services including admissions and enrollment management, career services, financial aid, housing, deans of students, registrars, and more. This year's gathering will focus on the potential and possibilities that grow as we work together in collaborative relationships not only within our institutions, but also between institutions and with the communities theological education seeks to serve.

The committee invites proposals for one-hour workshops or roundtable discussions that either address student services in theological education broadly or focus on one specific aspect of student services work. We welcome proposals from either individuals or teams/panels. Potential topics might include:

- Tools for streamlining workflows across departments
- Strategies for working effectively with vendors
- Shared recruitment approaches with partner or feeding schools
- Case studies in collaboration with denominational or parachurch partners
- Integrating formation with academics and its impact on student services
- Partnering with alumni
- Contextual education
- Supporting the student experience in hybrid/online programs
- Student support and mental health
- Resource management for registrars in small institutions
- FERPA/Title IX
- And so much more!

Workshops: Interactive sessions that present practical knowledge, skills, and strategies. Workshops should be designed to teach or share learning on a particular topic, while also giving participants an opportunity to actively engage with the material.

Roundtables: Facilitated, dynamic discussions that encourage deep dives into pressing issues, emerging trends, and innovative practices. Here, you can pose a thought-provoking question or present a personal case study for the group to discuss together.

Proposals should include:

- Name, institution, and position for each presenter
- Contact information (phone, email, and mailing address) for each presenter
- Roundtable or workshop?
- Target audience? (e.g. admissions personnel, student life directors, registrars, etc.)

- Session title and 100- to 150-word abstract describing the session's focus
- Qualifications of presenter(s) (please attach a curriculum vitae)

The deadline for submission is Friday, December 5, 2025.

Please send proposals (or any questions regarding format or content) to Deborah Shadd, ATS director of leadership development, at shadd@ats.edu, with the subject line "2026 SPAN Proposal."