



# 2026 Call for Speakers and Posters

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The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry is delighted to announce our Call for Speakers and Call for Posters. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to present a talk at the **Sunday Speakers Session**, or participate in the **Thursday Poster Session** of CSICon 2026 at the Buffalo Convention Center in Buffalo, New York, from June 11-14.

You can find conference details on the [CSICon website](#), as well as on the [CSICon Facebook page](#).

The **Sunday Speaker Sessions** session and **Thursday Poster Session** both aim to recognize new voices and new ideas. If you have had success in communicating scientific skepticism, combating pseudoscience, or furthering the mission of CSI in a significant way, we encourage you to submit a proposal for these events.



## Sunday Speakers Session

- Deadline for proposal submission: **February 13, 2026**
- Initial selection completed; request for further documentation: **February 27, 2026**
- Deadline for draft presentation and dry-run recording submission: **March 20, 2026**
- Final selection completed; invitations issued: **April 10, 2026**
- Deadline for accepting invitation (you must register for the conference prior to accepting the invitation): **April 17, 2026**

Note that if your proposal survives the initial selection process, you will be asked to submit a draft of your presentation slides, as well as a recording made with Zoom (or similar technology) of you doing a dry-run of your talk within the allotted time. Following the final selection process (which may include a virtual interview) an invitation to participate in the **Sunday Speakers Session** will be extended to 5 applicants. Those who accept the invitation will each be allocated 15 minutes on the CSICOn stage for their talk. Non-accepted proposals will be considered for the **Thursday Poster Session** if the applicant so desires.

## Thursday Poster Session

The submission and evaluation for the **Thursday Poster Session** applications will follow the same basic timeline; however, after your initial proposal submission, no additional documentation will be required. The application will primarily consist of submitting a title, a brief abstract, and a brief bio.



## Relevant Topics

Appropriate topics for **both sessions** are those which support the mission of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, and which reflect the type of material typically

published in *Skeptical Inquirer*. Note that the [CSICOn Wikipedia page](#) has a section on past Sunday Morning Papers Sessions, the previous name of the **Sunday Speakers Session**, including a list of past topics.

There are two *Skeptical Inquirer* articles available online concerning previous CSICOn Sunday Morning Papers sessions which may be helpful to review prior to submitting a proposal for either session:

- “[So, You Want to Speak at CSICOn?](#)” This article describes a successful experience applying for the CSICOn 2019 Sunday Morning Papers session. Note that some of the details of the 2019 application process have been changed, including removal of the requirement to also submit a publishable article.
- “[The CSICOn 2022 Sunday Papers: Learn About All Six Right Here](#)” This article documents all six of the 2022 Sunday Morning Papers session talks, and includes an introduction penned by each speaker, as well as links to video recreations of all six talks.

Also, examples of past Sunday Morning Papers Session talks recorded by conference attendees can be found here:

- [Susan Gerbic’s playlist of past Sunday Morning Papers](#)
- [Rob Palmer at CSICOn 2022: The Great Australian Psychic Prediction Project](#)



## Submission Instructions

**Sunday Speakers Session:** Please email your proposal in MS Word or pdf format to [CSICOnPapers@gmail.com](mailto:CSICOnPapers@gmail.com). Use the subject *Sunday Speakers Session Proposal*.

**Thursday Poster Session:** Please send your submission by email text (not as an attachment) to [shupp@centerforinquiry.org](mailto:shupp@centerforinquiry.org). Use the subject *Thursday Poster Session Proposal*.

For all submissions, include the following information:

- Full name
- Your bio (one paragraph)
- Email address
- Phone number
- Name of additional speaker (if any)
- Presentation title
- Abstract: Provide a concise summary of your proposed presentation in at least 150 words; you may use bullet points. A description of how the topic is relevant to the CSI mission must be included.
- References: Provide any relevant references related to your presentation, along with the associated weblinks if available.
- If you are applying to be a **Sunday Speaker**, please indicate if you wish your application to be forwarded for **Thursday Poster Session** consideration as a second option.

If you have questions regarding anything – such as the suitability of your proposal topic, the proposal submission instructions, the selection timeline, or conference details & expenses – feel free to write us at [CSICOnPapers@gmail.com](mailto:CSICOnPapers@gmail.com).



## Expenses

Participants selected for both sessions are responsible to pay for their own CSICoN attendance. The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry greatly appreciates your willingness to participate in the conference; however, we cannot fund any part of your travel, lodging, or conference registration.

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