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**Our Moment is Now:**  
**National Albert Schweitzer Fellowship**  
**Leadership Summit**

# Call for Proposals

“Our Moment is Now” will bring together 150+ current ASF Fellows, FFLs , and supporters in Tulsa, OK on November 5-8, 2026. This is the first large-scale, in-person gathering in nearly a decade. Together, we will reconnect, celebrate leadership, and shape ASF’s future. Share your expertise in community health, innovation, leadership and/or community partnership.

**Submission Deadline: Sunday, May 17 at 11:59pm EST**



# CHOOSE YOUR SESSION TYPE:

## 30-Minute Presentation

- Present an innovative strategy, model, research, or practice relevant to community health, innovation, leadership and/or community partnership
- While more presentation-focused, sessions should still include meaningful engagement (e.g., discussion, reflection, Q&A).
- Highlight key insights or lessons learned, practical takeaways for participants, including how they can apply content to their own work.

## 60-Minute Presentation or Workshop

- Present an innovative strategy, model, research, or practice relevant to community health, innovation, leadership and/or community partnership
- Interactive and practice-based (not lecture-style).
- Highlight session format, including how participants will engage (e.g., small groups, case work, simulations),
- Describe skills and/or competencies participants will gain

## WILD PROBLEMS PANEL - 60-Minutes (example below)

- At least two session leaders (up to four), ideally from different academic disciplines
- Explore a complex, real-world challenge that cannot be solved by a single perspective
- Describe the “wild problem” and its complexity, the perspectives represented on your panel, and how participants will actively contribute to the conversation.
- Panels should move beyond discussion toward shared problem-solving & next steps

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## POSTER PRESENTATION

- Clearly communicate a project, initiative, research effort, or personal journey related to health, innovation, leadership and/or community partnership
- Ideas include: research or evaluation, community-based interventions, your Schweitzer experience and its impact, or your current Fellowship project
- Highlight key insights, outcomes, and/or lessons learned.

## What You'll Need to Submit:

- Session title and short description
- Full session description
- 3 learning objectives
- Presenter bio(s), headshot(s), and CV(s)

## What Makes a Strong Proposal:

- Clear connection to themes
- Specific, actionable takeaways
- Participant engagement when possible
- Real-world experience or innovation

*Note: If you have an idea that doesn't quite fit into one of these boxes, please still share it with us. We want to foster creativity and innovation*

## Have Questions?

Please don't hesitate to reach out. We are happy to brainstorm and work through your proposal together. Email us at [programs@schweitzerfellowship.org](mailto:programs@schweitzerfellowship.org).

We are also hosting virtual office hours ahead of the submission deadline. Please check our [Summit website for more details](#).

## Ready to Apply?

Submit your proposal by Sunday, May 17 at 11:59 PM EST. We encourage you to apply even if your idea is still forming. We can't wait to see what you'll share in Tulsa!

[Submit Your Proposal Here](#)

# WILD PROBLEMS EXAMPLE:

## **Title: Trust, Access, and Autonomy: Rebuilding Maternal Health Systems in Texas Communities**

### **Session Description:**

Across Texas, maternal health outcomes remain among the most challenging in the United States. Communities are facing a convergence of issues: shortages of obstetric providers, hospital labor and delivery unit closures, insurance barriers to alternative care models, and deep mistrust of the health system— particularly among historically marginalized communities. This Wild Problems Panel will explore a complex and pressing question: **How do we rebuild maternal health systems that are clinically effective, community-trusted, and accessible - especially in places where the system has already failed many families?**

Two ASF FFL - one nurse, one physician - working directly in maternal and community health will describe real challenges they are navigating right now in their work. Both presenters will bring real dilemmas they are facing right now, with a focus on patients who fall through gaps between community care and hospital systems. Rather than presenting finished solutions, they will invite session attendees to help unpack the structural, cultural, and policy barriers embedded in this issue and explore possible paths forward.

Participants will engage in structured discussion and collaborative problem-solving to generate ideas that could inform real-world work beyond the conference. The session will conclude with a list of 3-4 concrete next steps and the attendees sharing contact information.