

## Holmes 2025 Preconference Call for Proposals FAQ

**1. Who can submit a proposal to the Holmes Preconference?**

Holmes Master's, Doctoral, and Post-doctoral Scholars are eligible to submit proposals.

**2. How do I submit a Proposal?**

Use the [Holmes Preconference Call for Proposals Form](#) to submit all proposals. If you have issues accessing this form, please contact Holmes Research Coordinator Blanca Juardo at [holmesresearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:holmesresearchcommittee@gmail.com).

**3. What should I prepare before filling out the call for proposal form?**

You will need the following information prepared to submit your proposal: desired format, author(s)' names/institutions, abstract (50 words), proposal (250-500 words).

**4. Can I submit more than one proposal?**

Yes. Please complete one form per proposal.

**5. When are proposals due?**

Proposals are due October 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. PST.

**6. How will proposals be reviewed?**

The Holmes Research Coordinator (elected officer of the Holmes Student Council) will recruit and train a committee for fellow Holmes Scholars to serve as reviewers. Faculty and AACTE staff will support this process and review proposals as needed.

**7. When will I be notified if my proposal has been accepted?**

Accepted proposals presenters will be notified by November 29, 2024.

**8. When will I present?**

Poster Presentations will occur on Friday, February 21 (latest slot will be 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.). All other presentations will occur on Thursday, February 20.

**9. Do I need to wait for a notification before working with my Holmes Program Coordinator to register and book my hotel for the Holmes Preconference?**

No. Since all Holmes Scholars are required to attend the preconference every year, you should ensure you register and book your hotel as soon as possible to access early bird and group rates.

**10. Can I also submit a proposal to present at AACTE's 2025 Annual Meeting?**

Yes. The call for proposals to present at AACTE's 2025 Annual Meeting (February 21 – 23) is organized through a separate call wherein any student, faculty member, or non-university affiliated individual can apply. Holmes Scholars are encouraged, but not required, to attend and/or present at the AACTE Annual Meeting. The only caveat is that if you submit a proposal for a poster presentation through this call, it will automatically take place alongside AACTE's Annual Meeting poster presentations. You can find information about the Annual Meeting Call for Proposals on the [AACTE website](#).

## 11. What are the Presentation Formats?

**Roundtable (30-minute session):** This is a more relaxed session format for those who have an emerging research focus and would like feedback to strengthen their research questions and methodology. The format includes a brief overview of your research interest area, a concise description of your proposed study or research line, and is followed by a discussion. During the discussion, you can pose questions, ask for advice, or discuss alternate methods with those in attendance. Feel free to submit if you (1) Are still thinking through your research question, (2) Have an area of interest on which you have collected some information and/or data, but would still like to talk it through with like-minded researchers/practitioners, (3) Are embarking on a new research interest with only preliminary questions in mind, or (4) Are still working a masters paper, or other work that is still very much in development. All emerging and experienced scholars are welcome.

**Job Talk Panel (20-minute session):** This session is presented in front of a panel of scholars. You will have approximately 15 minutes to discuss your dissertation (theoretical framework, method, results, significance, and future research). The last 5 minutes will consist of questions and feedback from the audience and panel members. This job panel will prepare you to present your research to future employers and is an excellent platform to practice presentation skills for future job interviews. Only doctoral candidates or graduates who have completed dissertation should submit a proposal.

**3-Minute Thesis (3-minute session):** This session provides excellent practice for presenting an elevator pitch to prepare you to effectively communicate your research interests or agenda to others. The thesis session should be comprehensive, engaging and showcase your best communication style. Sessions are limited to 3 minutes maximum, 1 PowerPoint slide (no slide transitions, animations, or "movement" of any description), and your voice (no props). Presentations are considered to have commenced when the presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.

**Poster Session (60-minute session):** This session is a slightly less formal opportunity to present your research, making it an ideal choice for emerging scholars to engage with colleagues in the field. You will create a poster (36 x 48) to display during the session (most institutions provide research poster templates for your use) and attendees will walk around the session to view posters. They may provide insights and substantive feedback for your research as well as opportunities for potential collaboration. Be prepared to summarize your research, expound on key elements of your poster, and answer questions. It is suggested that you bring business cards or a handout for those interested in more information.

**Dissertation Funding Competition (DFC):** This is open to **doctoral candidates only (15 minute per finalist)**. DFC finalists will present their anticipated dissertation at the "pre-data collection" stage (i.e., not completed) for 10 minutes. The purpose of the DFC is to support the finalists' dissertation research proposal related expenses. To be eligible for the DFC competition, you must have (1) completed the comprehensive examination process, (2) defended your dissertation proposal, and (3) not have defended your dissertation.