

# Call for Arc of Career Proposals

2026 AALS Annual Meeting

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New Orleans, Louisiana

*Submissions due August 8, 2025*

[Submission Form](#)

Questions: [events@aals.org](mailto:events@aals.org)

The AALS Arc of Career Committee is pleased to request innovative proposals for the 2026 AALS Annual Meeting on “Arc of Career” program sessions. The Arc of Career sessions address a broad range of matters related to the professional careers of law faculty and administrators rather than presenting panels on substantive legal topics. For those looking forward to the future of your career, what would you like to know? For those who are more senior in your career, what would you have wanted to know as you began your career?

The Committee hopes to include perspectives for all legal education professionals, including tenure and tenure-track faculty, contract and special faculty, administrators, senior staff, and other constituencies. Additionally, the Committee invites proposals on how academics develop for themselves and teach their students the leadership and advocacy skills that contribute to democracy; incorporating social and racial justice into their courses and teaching; the thought process and logistics from those contemplating either a visit or a lateral move; marketing scholarship and preparing the tenure package; developing leadership skills while also engaging in teaching, service, and scholarship; and thinking about retirement at the end of your academic career. We also welcome any other proposals that fit the broad mandate of addressing the arc of the legal academic career.

The Committee will again organize the session for first-time meeting attendees, How Do I Get the Most Out of the Annual Meeting.

To help you think about your topic and proposal, recent Arc of Career program sessions have included the following:

- Focus on Faculty Governance: A Crucial but Often Overlooked Component of the Law Professor’s Professional Life

- There Ought to Be a Law: Turning Your Scholarship into Legislation Through the Uniform Laws Process
- Transcending Law School Faculty Hierarchies
- The Experiential Sabbatical: How a Semester in Practice Can Reignite Your Career and Inspire Your Students
- Practicing What We Teach: Using Restorative Justice “Circle Process” to Discuss Difficult Issues
- Where Do I Go from Here: The Path of a Clinical Professor
- Reverse-Engineering the Recipes for Success of Recently Promoted BIPOC Skills-Based Professors
- So You Want to Write a Book with Impact?
- From Legal Education to the C-Suite: Lawyers Leading Higher Education
- The Role of the Academic in The Fight for Racial Justice Under Law
- The Lateral Experience - Deans and Hiring Committee Chairs
- Opportunities and Challenges for LGBTQ+ Persons in Leadership in Law Schools
- Teaching Abroad: For Visitorships, Sabbaticals, Retirements and Summer Programs
- Becoming an Associate Dean: New Challenges the Multiple Associate Model Brings to Managing Communication and Conflict
- What to Make of Student Evaluations?
- Encore Faculty: Preparing for Life Beyond the Legal Academy

## General Submission Guidelines

Full-time faculty members or administrators at AALS Member or Fee-Paid law schools may propose programs. International faculty, visiting faculty (who have no permanent affiliation at another Member or Fee-Paid law school), graduate students, and non-law school faculty are not eligible to submit proposals but may serve as speakers.

## Additional Information

Arc of Career programs will run for 75 minutes, and we recommend 1 hour for the panel and 15 minutes for audience participation and Q & A. The proposal should describe the concept or theme of the session and the mode(s) of presentation and include a list of suggested speakers to be invited. Proposals need not be more than 2 - 5 pages long.

A proposal should include:

- Program title.
- Names, affiliations, and contact information of the program organizers.

- Detailed description of the proposed program, including (a) the format of the proposed program; (b) an explanation of the overall goal of the program; (c) a description of how diversity is achieved by the program's speakers, content, and/or structure.
- Names, titles, and affiliations of speakers to be invited including links to or copies of their curricula vitae. The number of speakers per program should be limited to a maximum of four, plus one moderator. Speakers should represent a mix of institutional affiliations.
- Be submitted by collaborative groups with organizers and presenters from more than one law school.
- Reflect diversity of schools and diversity of presenters including gender; race; years of teaching experience; faculty status; type of law school; geographic location; and viewpoint.

Arc of Career proposals are due August 8, 2025. Proposals should be submitted using the [online submission form](#). Questions may be directed to [events@aals.org](mailto:events@aals.org).

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