

The top of the page features a composite image. On the left, a stone sign reads "THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA" in blue capital letters, set against a brick wall with saguaro cacti and desert plants. On the right, a night-time photograph of the Tucson city skyline is shown, with illuminated buildings and a mountain in the background.

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WESTERN STATES REGIONAL CONFERENCE

10 - 12 September 2026
Tucson, Arizona

From the Desert to Deep Space: Integrated Decisions for Complex Systems

The INCOSE Western regional chapters will host our ninth annual Western States Regional Conference (WSRC) **Thursday through Saturday, 10 -12 September** at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

This 3-day event features keynote and technical presentations about systems engineering (SE) from thought leaders, working groups, and chapters leader meetings, panel discussions, and networking events and activities.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Specific topics of interest:

- Digital Transformation
- Cross-Domain Solutions
- Systems Reliability & Resiliency
- Systems Engineering & Agile
- Human Systems Integration
- Operational Technology (OT)
- Clean energy
- Lifecycle Systems Engineering
- Sustainability
- Cyber Security
- Innovation
- Prototyping and deployment
- Critical Infrastructure
- Information Communications Technology (ICT)
- Systems Engineering/Education
- SE in Early-Stage Research and Development
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) for SE, SE for AI
- Case studies (experience of success and failure)
- System of Systems
- Risk-Informed Decision Making
- Machine Learning models and uses in SE
- Energy management
- Safety management

Call for tutorials



Tutorial proposals for the following types of classroom instruction will be considered:

- **Professional Development Tutorial:** Intended for both practicing systems engineers seeking to expand their systems engineering skills and seasoned professionals new to INCOSE's systems engineering concepts. It is important not only to instill in the tutorial participants a new skill, but also to make it clear how that skill can add real value to the participant's enterprise.
- **Advanced Technology Tutorial:** Intended for practicing systems engineers. This introduces innovative technologies with potential to add real value to systems engineering practice, although that potential has not yet been demonstrated.
- **Best Practices Implementation:** Intended for practicing systems engineers who are interested in understanding how to apply systems engineering best practices with a domain-specific emphasis.

Proposed Tutorials may be 2, 4, or 6 hours long.

The proposal must not contain a sales presentation for the presenter or the presenter's company and must not contain proprietary data.

The Tutorial proposal submission website is: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=wsrc2026>

- **Authors:** All involved authors (only the presenting author gets a discount)
- **Title:** "Tutorial:" Title of Tutorial
- **Abstract:** Include the topical outline, the Learning Objectives, and the proposed duration. Include a brief biography of the presenter(s).
- **Keywords:** Include ~4-6 words to aid in searches.

If a tutorial is accepted, then one presenter will be eligible for a discounted event registration rate. No other compensation will be provided to the presenter. Each tutorial submittal will be reviewed by at least three members of the INCOSE review team. Evaluation Criteria are contained in the Reviewer Evaluation Workbook template. Tutorials must use the presentation template.

Call for presentations



Presentations will provide the opportunity for practitioners to share their work, novel approaches, or interesting problems addressed without writing a formal paper. We encourage authors to submit detailed abstracts for high-quality presentations addressing challenges in the key domains and emphasis areas above. Sessions are 40 minutes: 30 minutes for presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A. Initial submissions for presentations must include an abstract of no more than 1000 words and must be submitted using the submission site for Presentations at <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=wsrc2026>. The submission must include the following elements:

- Authors: All involved authors (only the presenting author gets a discount)
- Title: "Presentation:" Title of Presentation
 - Abstract: Summary of the topic. Include specific related industries or applications. Describe what the audience will take away from the presentation.
- Provide background on the presenter and his/her qualifications to provide the talk.
- Keywords: Include ~4-6 words to aid in searches.

Each abstract will be peer reviewed and judged on key aspects: originality, topic relevance, technical soundness, and contribution to the practice of systems engineering. Presentations must not be used for the promotion of any commercial product or interest and must not promote or voice an opinion on political or religious matters. Presentations must be original work that has not previously been presented to INCOSE (if it has been previously presented elsewhere, this should be noted). Joint authors must nominate a single point of contact. Presentations must use the 2026 WSRC presentation template; if not used, the presentation will be rejected. Evaluation Criteria are contained in the Reviewer Evaluation Workbook template. Please note that accepted presentations will be posted on the INCOSE Paper and Presentation Library but are not included in the Proceedings of the Conference. The link will be provided to registered participants.

Call for full papers



Papers will provide an opportunity for authors to detail their research or application contribution to the field of Systems Engineering. Papers fall into two categories: Regular and Review.

Regular Papers are a novel contribution that advances the state-of-the-art because of original research. Regular papers are focused on empirical investigations, so authors should state the questions addressed and their context relative to prior knowledge on the subject. They should present relevant theories, justify the research design decisions, and describe the research methods to permit an evaluation of their quality. The data must support the interpretation of the results. The conclusions should explain the significance of the results and implications for advancing systems engineering research or practice. Case studies based on practice in industry are also encouraged and published under this category. These papers are normally **10-15 published** pages in length or shorter.

Review Papers report on a literature survey, state-of-the-art survey, tutorial, or educational topic. Authors should clearly state the purpose, scope, or research questions addressed by the review. These reviews should include a critical analysis, synthesis, or evaluation of previous research to provide new perspectives, a new knowledge structure, general conclusions or overarching principles, or new research directions. Reviews should specify the type of review (systematic, meta-analytic approaches, or their variants) and include clear descriptions of the inclusion criteria, search strategies, and coding and analysis methods. Reviews should also address the quality of primary sources identified. An explanation of the significance of the insights that advance systems engineering research or practice should be provided. Reviews are normally **10-15 published** pages in length or shorter.

The submission must include the following elements:

- Authors: All involved authors (only the primary author gets a discount)
- Title: "Paper:" Title of Paper
 - Abstract: Summary of the paper.
- Upload a soft copy of the paper.
- Keywords: Include ~4-6 words to aid in searches.

Call for Student Posters



Students in all phases of education are encouraged to submit abstracts for student poster presentation at WSRC 2026. We expect a range of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral-level submissions.

The student poster submission must include:

- Authors: All involved authors (only the presenting author gets a discount)
- Title: "Poster:" Title of poster
- Abstract: Provide a summary of the poster topic. Describe the main points of the poster. Provide background on the poster presenter.
- Keywords: Include ~4-6 words to aid in searches.

Poster information must be submitted through EasyChair and use the poster template. Posters will be peer reviewed for topic relevance and technical soundness. Accepted posters will be expected to be printed and presented in person by the authors.



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Submissions Deadline:

	29 <hr/> MAY 2026	All Submissions Close
	26 <hr/> JUNE 2026	Acceptance Notices/ Paper Comments Returned
	30 <hr/> AUGUST 2026	Conference Papers/Presentation Due

Presenters get a \$50 discount on conference registration. All presenters must present in-person.