



# Submit Your River Rally Workshop Proposal

Do you have practical knowledge and experience related to one or more [River Rally tracks](#)? Could your knowledge help someone working on similar challenges in another setting, geography, or organization?

## **If so, we need you!**

River Network is looking for workshop proposals that include a combination of instruction and interactive training, that leverage lessons learned and proven approaches, and involve engaging speakers. We seek to accelerate the pace of progress toward a sustainable and equitable water future through River Rally's learning opportunities.

The River Rally audience is diverse in age, ethnicity, geography, educational background, and experience. Attendees typically include conservation professionals and water advocacy champions who work for or are affiliated with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, tribes, utilities, foundations, consultancies, academia, and the corporate sector. We create an active space where uncommon conversations can and do take place.

The deadline for all workshop proposals is **Friday, October 15**. You will be informed whether your proposal was accepted for inclusion in the River Rally 2022 program by **December 8, 2021**. Final confirmations by all speakers should be completed by or before December 15, 2021. Please review the guidelines and instructions below and consider submitting a workshop proposal for River Rally 2022.

## 2022 Workshop Tracks:

- Drinking Water
- Climate Resilient Communities
- Policy & Advocacy
- Science & Climate
- Strong Organizations & Leaders



- Water & Agriculture

## 2022 Workshop Themes:

- Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
- The Clean Water Act
- Mid-Atlantic Region

[Click here for detailed track and theme descriptions.](#)

## Workshop Criteria & Proposal Guidelines:

- **Relevance:** All workshop proposals must relate to one or more [River Rally tracks](#). We are looking for proposals that relate to one of the listed tracks *and* intersect with diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.
- **Format:** Workshops are typically either 90 minutes in length and may include up to three co-presenters *or* are 15 minutes in length for our fast-paced “lightning” sessions involving just one presenter.
- **Size:** While we cannot predict how many people will attend each workshop, audiences typically range from 10 to 50 people.
- **Competition:** We typically have many more submissions than spaces in our program. Because of this degree of competition, we encourage everyone to provide a thorough and engaging summary during the submission process that helps the subject matter come alive! Please also plan to describe how you will create a fun and engaging learning environment for your workshop attendees.
- **Selection:** The open call for workshops ends on October 15, 2021, with workshop selections by December 8, 2021, followed by final commitments from all speakers by December 15, 2021.
- **Registration:** Presenters with accepted proposals must register to attend the conference by April 1, 2022. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is March 15, 2022.
- **Financial Support:** While presenters are responsible for their own travel, lodging expenses, and registration fees, we offer discounted registration to speakers and all presenters are eligible to apply for scholarship support by March 15, 2022.
- **Guidance:** The River Network team will host an ‘office hours’ event on April 1, 2022, for all presenters. The objective of this event is to provide guidance to presenters regarding what constitutes an engaging workshop, create alignment within workshop tracks, and open opportunities for presenters to address relevant topics that emerged since the workshop was accepted.



# River Rally Workshop Submission Form

*This form is for planning purposes only. Please submit your final River Rally 2022 workshop proposal [on our website](#).*

## Workshop Information

### Preferred Workshop Duration:\*

Workshops at River Rally can span a full workshop time block including group activities and peer-to-peer engagement (up to 90 minutes); a shorter time block (45 minutes); or a "lightning round" session (15-20 minutes), which would be combined with similar case studies or quick learning sessions to create one workshop. Please select all that apply. If your proposed workshop can be modified to fit any of the durations listed below, please select all options.

- ☐ Up to 90 minutes
- ☐ 45 minutes
- ☐ 15-20 minutes

### Workshop Title:\*

0 of 100 max characters

### Workshop Summary Description:\*

Please provide a brief overview of the proposed topic and what participants can expect to learn. Be specific and accurate, because this description will be used in the River Rally brochure, on the River Rally website, and in our printed program.

0 of 300 max characters

### Full Workshop Description:\*

Please provide a detailed description of your workshop proposal for review by the selection committee. It should provide an overview of the session and clearly state learning objectives and relevance.

0 of 1000 max characters

### How does your proposal intersect with water equity, inclusion, diversity, or climate justice?\*

0 of 500 max characters

### How do you plan to make this workshop interactive and engaging for attendees?\*



Workshops with high levels of attendee interaction and engagement (e.g., small group discussions, case studies, attendee sharing, dance breaks!) are consistently ranked positively by attendees.

0 of 500 max characters

## Workshop Tracks & Audience

### Primary Workshop Track:\*

Each year River Rally organizes workshops around a set of relevant tracks. Read River Rally track and theme descriptions. Which of the following is your proposed workshop's primary track?

- Drinking Water
- Climate Resilient Communities
- Policy & Advocacy
- Science & Climate
- Strong Organizations & Leaders
- Water & Agriculture

### Other Workshop Track(s):

Is your proposed workshop relevant to any other secondary workshop tracks? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Drinking Water
- ☐ Organizational Capacity Building
- ☐ Policy & Advocacy
- ☐ Resilient Communities
- ☐ Science & Climate
- ☐ Water & Agriculture

### Workshop Themes:

Does your proposed workshop touch on one or more of the following themes?

- ☐ Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
- ☐ The Clean Water Act
- ☐ The Mid-Atlantic Region

### Workshop Level:\*

- All levels welcome
- Introductory
- Intermediate
- Advanced



**Target Audience:\***

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Anyone/Everyone
- ☐ Board Members
- ☐ Development Staff
- ☐ Executive Directors
- ☐ Program Staff
- ☐ Tribal Representatives
- ☐ Agency Representatives
- ☐ Volunteers

**Other Requests:**

Do you need a specific accommodations (presenter tools, a specific room setup), workshop materials, AV equipment, etc.?

## Presenter Information

**Name:\***

**Title:\***

**Organization:\***

**Location:\***

**Email:\***

**Phone:\***

**Bio:**

Please provide a short bio to be provided to workshop participants.

0 of 500 max characters

**Age:**

- Under 24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+



**Gender Identity:**

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary/third gender
- Prefer not to say
- Other

**Racial Identity:**

- Asian / Southeast Asian / Asian American
- Black / African American
- Hispanic / Latinx
- Indigenous (including Alaskan Native, Native American, Native Hawaiian, American Indian)
- Middle Eastern
- Pacific Islander
- White / Caucasian
- Another race or ethnicity not listed

**Do you identify as LGBTQIA+?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Have you presented at River Rally before?\***

- Yes
- No

**Will you have co-presenters for this workshop?\***

- Yes
- No

*Please prepare the following information for all co-presenters to submit in the form.*