



OpenFabrics Alliance Virtual Workshop

March 15-19, 2021

CALL FOR SESSIONS

The [OpenFabrics Alliance \(OFA\)](#) has published the Call for Sessions for its 17th annual OFA Workshop, taking place virtually March 15-19, 2021. It is the only event of its kind where fabric developers and users can discuss emerging fabric technologies, collaborate on future industry requirements, and address problems that exist today.

The OFA Virtual Workshop 2021 will focus on the following overarching themes that cover advanced network technology, innovative networking approaches, and the open community:

- Networks and the Convergence of HPC, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence
- Networking Ecosystem and the Community
- Networking Technology Nuts and Bolts

Workshop participants include: Application developers & end users / Communications middleware developers / Network & storage vendors & researchers / OS Solutions developers / Enterprise Data center managers & architects / Systems & network administrators / System OEMs, architects & integrators / Kernel developers & maintainers.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions due by January 22, 2021

Speaker notifications by February 3, 2021

SESSION FORMATS

Session proposals are being solicited in any area related to high performance networks and networking software, with a special emphasis on the highlighted topics for this year's Workshop. In keeping with the Workshop's emphasis on collaboration, proposals for Birds of a Feather sessions and Panels are particularly encouraged.

- **Single-Speaker Sessions**
 - Generally 30 minutes, allowing exploration of key topics
- **Panel Discussions**
 - An excellent way to drive debate and discussion
- **Birds of a Feather**
 - An opportunity for attendees to compare notes on a particular topic

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Visit our [Call for Session page](#) for submission details. Proposal must be received by **January 22, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. PST**. The Technical Program Committee will respond to proposals by **February 3, 2021**.