



CALL FOR SPEAKERS
2017 Florida Center for Cybersecurity Annual Conference

October 27, 2017 · Tampa Convention Center · Tampa, Florida

The Florida Center for Cybersecurity is pleased to accept proposals for sessions to be featured at this year’s conference. We invite experts, thought-leaders and cyber specialists from all sectors to share their ideas for session content that will appeal to either **technical** or **non-technical** audiences. Proposals for presentations, panels, demonstrations, ‘birds of a feather’ dialogues, case studies or interactive sessions are welcome. Content should focus on compelling and timely topics that offer clearly defined takeaways for session attendees.

The Florida Center for Cybersecurity’s Annual Conference attracts a diverse audience of attendees from industry, government, the military, academia, as well as students and it serves as a forum for exchanging information, exploring innovative ideas and learning from experts in the field.

About the Florida Center for Cybersecurity

Created during the 2014 legislative session, the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (FC²) is a shared resource for cybersecurity research, education and community engagement. The Center fosters collaboration between higher education, government, defense and business communities to share knowledge, resources and training opportunities that help mitigate cybersecurity threats and create opportunities for innovative solutions. Located at the University of South Florida, FC² is leading efforts to position Florida as a national leader in cybersecurity.

Sessions

FC² seeks a broad range of topical sessions for its annual conference, and it encourages professionals and subject matter experts from all sectors to submit proposals. This year’s conference sessions will be categorized into two separate tracks: **technical** and **non-technical**. Appropriate topics may include, but are not limited to:

TECHNICAL

- Technology infrastructure and operations
- Cryptography
- Application security
- Securing the Internet of Things (IoT)
- Cloud security and virtualization
- Analytics and detection
- Mobile security
- Cyber resiliency

NON-TECHNICAL

- Behavioral aspects/ human elements
- Workforce development
- Policy, government and law
- Cybersecurity for the C-Suite
- Trends in education and training
- Governance, regulation & compliance
- Workforce diversity
- Medical device security



Selection Criteria

Each proposal will be reviewed by an independent committee and selected based on the relevance of the content, experience and/or expertise of the presenter, and timeliness and focus of the topic.

Requirements • Additional Information

1. All speakers must commit to presenting in-person at the **October 27, 2017** conference in Tampa.
2. Presenters must complete the [CFS Form](#) in its entirety and submit it by the application deadline.
3. If you have additional documentation or slides to support your submission, please feel free to send them with the completed [CFS Form](#).
4. If you wish to distribute copyrighted information in your supplemental resource materials, it is your responsibility to obtain the necessary permissions.
5. You may submit more than one proposal if you wish but you must complete a separate form for each proposal.
6. A total of 45 minutes (including Q&A) will likely be allocated for each session. As conference plans are finalized, FC² reserves the right to modify the length of sessions.
7. Commercially/ sales-focused or vendor-oriented proposals will not be considered.

Important Dates

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| • May 1, 2017 – 5:00 pm | Proposal submission deadline |
| • May 31, 2017 | Notification to all applicants regarding status of their proposals |
| • Oct. 9, 2017 | Final presentations due to Florida Center for Cybersecurity |
| • Oct. 27, 2017 | Annual Conference (Tampa Convention Center) |

Next Steps

1. Download the [CFS Form](#) here
2. Email the completed form and any supporting documentation to FC2-CFS@usf.edu by 5:00 pm Monday, May 1, 2017.

Proposal Deadline Extended to May 15

Notification of proposal status extended to June 14.