

# UCOWR/NIWR 2020

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## Call for Special Sessions

The conference planning committee is pleased to invite special session proposals for the 2020 UCOWR/NIWR Water Resources Conference. These sessions are a vital part of the program, highlighting recent advances and transdisciplinary solutions to address complex water problems.

Near the headwaters of three continental basins, Minneapolis serves as a reminder that water connects distant places and diverse peoples. The committee encourages sessions that frame water resource issues in the context of:

- **Geographic transitions** and spatial gradients in land use, population density, and climate.
- **Inclusive engagement** among stakeholders to address water competition, conflict, and inequities.

The organizer's role includes submitting the proposed session, recruiting speakers to submit abstracts for the session, and moderating the session during the conference. Organizers can choose from 90- or 60-minute session formats or propose their own. Creativity is encouraged! Track proposals with multiple sessions are welcome.

Those interested in organizing and hosting a special session should complete the online form at [z.umn.edu/ucowr2020](http://z.umn.edu/ucowr2020)

Proposals for Special Sessions will be evaluated by the Conference Planning Committee based on the timeliness and relevance of the topic.

### Important Dates:

Proposal for special session due: **Sep. 16, 2019**

Special session acceptance: **Oct. 2019**

General call for abstracts: **Oct. 2019**

Abstracts due: **Jan. 24, 2020**

Abstract acceptance: **Late Feb. 2020**

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General questions about the 2020 UCOWR/NIWR Conference can be directed to Karl Williard ([williard@siu.edu](mailto:williard@siu.edu)), UCOWR.

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