Professional Development Opportunities at ResilienceCon

Interested in getting more involved with ResilienceCon? There are several roles available to support the professional development of attendees. We have found it to be a terrific learning experience to be on "the other side of the (virtual) desk" for conference planning. In addition to gaining an appreciation of what is involved in organizing professional events, ResilienceCon roles are also an opportunity to increase your name recognition in the field and network with others who work on issues related to resilience, social justice, and thriving after adversity.

Roles:

1) **Program Committee**

The main duties of program committee members are to:

- Promote the conference by sharing information about the conference with colleagues and related organizations (for example, on listservs)
- Recruit attendees and help organize panels. It is expected that each program committee member will recruit one panel or the equivalent.
- Review and vote on scholarship applications
- Moderate sessions (serve as interviewer and host—all sessions are interview-based)
- Contribute to content in the program book
- Program committee members are expected to attend ResilienceCon (except for health or family emergencies)

Program Committee Members, Student Representatives, and Fellows receive a 50% discount on registration and are featured on the ResilienceCon website and in the program book. In forming the Program Committee, consideration is given to representation among committee members in terms of professional characteristics such as discipline, focus area, geographic residence, commitment to social justice, and work with marginalized communities, and individual characteristics, such as race and ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

> **Member**: Qualifications: Open to researchers, advocates, and providers who are active in the field and who have attended at least two previous ResilienceCons.
> Up to 12 Member seats are available on the Program Committee.

> **Student Representative**. An opportunity for a current graduate student to gain experience on the program committee.
> Qualifications: Open to current graduate students. Preference given to students in doctoral programs. Must have attended at least one previous ResilienceCon.
> Up to 2 student representative positions.

> **Program Committee Fellow**. An opportunity for an early career person to gain experience on the program committee.
> Qualifications: Open to post-doctoral fellows, residents, senior interns (post completion of graduate coursework), and early career advocates and educators who have been in their first professional position for less than 3 years. Because early career stages vary widely across professional disciplines, applications are also evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Must have attended at least one previous ResilienceCon.
> Up to 2 Fellow positions.

2) **<u>Senior Advisor</u>**. Open to people who have provided exemplary service for 2 or more years on the Program Committee or equivalent based on active involvement in developing the program or assisting with the conference. In addition to their duties, Senior Advisors are included in discussions with the co-chairs about decision making for the conference, often have the opportunity to interview a keynote, and can mentor incoming Program Committee Members.
Up to 3 people may hold Senior Advisor positions at any one time. Senior Advisors receive 75% off the registration fee and are featured on the ResilienceCon website and in the program book.

3) **<u>Topic Co-Chair</u>**. Open to people who are interested in recruiting multiple sessions on a topic in order to create a track at the conference. For example, a track on resilience in schools, resilience in late-life, or strengths-based violence prevention. Proposals to organize pre-conference or post-conference workshops will also be considered. Topic Co-chairs will be responsible for drafting the call for submissions for their track, disseminating this call, reviewing submissions (with assistance), and organizing the track, which is defined as 3 or more sessions.
Must have previously attended at least one ResilienceCon.
Topic Co-Chairs receive 75% off the registration fee in addition to considerations for Program Committee Members.

4) **<u>Co-Chair</u>**. The Co-Chair position is the most senior position at ResilienceCon. In addition to duties of program committee members and senior advisors, co-chairs are involved in decisions regarding all aspects of the conference and involved in discussions of new elements or changes to existing elements. This includes choosing keynote speakers and developing and approving policy. Co-chairs have the honor of facilitating one of the Keynote Conversations. Co-Chairs also participate in the handling of any problems, including being the final deciding body for any complaints related to the ResilienceCon grievance and inclusiveness policies.
Must have previously attended at least two ResilienceCons and served on the Program Committee in some capacity. Preference given to people with experience in the Senior Advisor or Topic Co-Chair roles. Up to 3 people may hold the Co-Chair position at any one time.
Co-Chairs are eligible to receive 100% of their registration, airfare, and 3 nights stay near the conference venue (if the conference is in person).

All positions are appointed annually, with opportunities for renewal.

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