



Call for Speakers Fall 2026 PDD Hybrid Event

Austin, Texas

Friday, October 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST

Location:

Austin Marriott North,

2600 La Frontera Boulevard, Round Rock,

TX, 78681 USA

The PMI Austin Chapter (PMIA) is actively seeking exciting speakers from the Project Management community to speak at our Fall hybrid event (taking place both in person and virtually) scheduled for **Friday, October 2, 2026, in Austin, Texas**. Every year the conference attracts over 250 attendees from a variety of industries including IT, Healthcare, Construction, Public Sector, and Education.

This year's Professional Development Day (PDD) will be **Workshop style** featuring four speakers covering topics aligned to the PMI Talent Triangle:

- Ways of Working
- Business Acumen
- Power Skills

PLEASE see page six for the list of suggested Project Management Topics trending in 2025/2026.

The proposed theme for our PMIA 2026 Hybrid Fall PDD is **“Your Human Edge in an Emerging AI World.”**, and our conference objective is to provide a learning and networking environment for attendees. If you believe that you can contribute your experience and knowledge to our event, we look forward to hearing from you.

Please read the Terms and Conditions in **Section A** below before submitting your application, which will provide you with more information on what your presentation should contain and the review process.

Please use the application form in **Section B** along with any necessary attachments to have your presentation considered. All submissions and any questions should be sent to programs@pmiaustin.org, speakers@pmiaustin.org, and pds@pmiaustin.org on or before **Friday, July 24, 2026, at 11:59 PM CT**. PMI Austin will acknowledge receipt and communicate next steps within 72 hours of submission.



SECTION A. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

1. Fall 2026 PDD Speaker Focus

All prospective presenters are encouraged to craft a proposal that is innovative and memorable. The presentation should be interactive, unique, and actionable. Case studies, take-home resources, and audio/visual elements are highly encouraged.

2. Style and Format

The one-day event will feature a 1.5-hour morning keynote presentation, followed by two sessions, and closing keynote presentation each with one-hour presentations from three different speakers. All proposals must follow the template guideline and word count instructions in Section B.

3. Presentation Delivery

PMI Austin will provide selected speakers with the official PowerPoint template for the event. Final speaker presentations should be shared with PMI Austin on or before end of day **(EOD) Friday, September 18, 2026**. Speaker deliveries and presentation materials will be shared live with virtual attendees and recorded for distribution to conference attendees for 2 weeks after the event.

4. Audience

PMI Austin is the local chapter of the Project Management Institute, Inc., the world's largest association for project managers. The audience includes project managers, portfolio managers, and executives from private and public sectors. About 250 attendees in nearly all industries are expected.

5. Presentation Selection

- Selection Process: Submissions are subject to review by the PMI Austin Professional Development team. If you are selected for an interview, PMI Austin will be in touch **on a rolling basis, within 72 hours of your submission, through Wednesday, July 29, 2026**.
- Selection Criteria: Relevance to the theme and PMI talent triangle, audience testimonials from previous speaking engagements, presenter's professional qualifications, and overall presentation quality.
- Presenters may not use a conference session for commercial sales pitches, self-promotion, or unwarranted criticism of a competitor. Presentations should only advance the educational process; sales pitches do not and are therefore not acceptable. Speakers are not permitted to distribute company promotional literature, brochures, or sales materials in any form to attendees during their session.
- The Program Committee reserves the right to reject or edit any proposal whose content is offensive or defamatory, explicitly unethical or if it contains content that is politically



sensitive, and supports racism, sexual or religious discrimination, illegal activities, and terrorism.

6. Speaker Benefits

Professional Benefits

- Pre- and post-event promotion via email, website, and social media.
- Recognition before, during, and after the event as a subject matter expert.
- Increased visibility and credibility in the eyes of fellow professionals.
- The opportunity to share ideas, knowledge, and experience with 250 attendance delegates across various industries.
- Opportunity to be added to the “PMI Global speaker hub.”

Compensation/Reimbursement

To be discussed upon speaker selection.

7. Intellectual Property and Ownership of Presentation Materials

Presentations should consist only of the speaker’s original work; not violate any proprietary or personal rights of others (including any copyright, trademark, and privacy rights); be factually accurate, and contain nothing defamatory or otherwise unlawful. The speaker will be the sole copyright holder of the presentation or have obtained all necessary permissions or licenses from any persons or organizations whose material is included or used in his or her presentation.

8. Speaker Cancellation Policy

Any cancellation must be no later than EOD **Friday, September 11, 2026**.



SECTION B. Speaker Submission Form

Please note that submission of this application indicates that you agree to the Terms and Conditions stated in **Section A** of this document. Please include any additional information as attachments to the form. Submissions should be sent directly via email to programs@pmiaustin.org, speakers@pmiaustin.org, and pds@pmiaustin.org on or before on or before **Friday, July 24, 2026, at 11:59 PM CT**. PMI Austin will acknowledge receipt and communicate next steps within 72 hours of submission.

Today's Date

Speaker Information

Name

Organization

Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Website

LinkedIn/Twitter

Presentation Links
(e.g., YouTube, Vimeo)

3 References

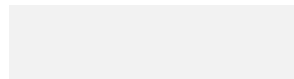
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Speaker Bio (if selected, will be posted to website, maximum 250 words)

Most recent speaking experience (date, venue, audience, topic; maximum 150 words)



Speaker Photo



Presentation Information

Title	<i>(Tailor your topic around PMI's talent triangle: Power Skills, Ways of Working & Business Acumen)</i>
Description	<i>(Maximum 250 words)</i>
Learning Objectives (if selected, will be posted to website)	<i>(Minimum 3 SMART Objectives)</i> 1. 2. 3.
Key Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••
Interactive Elements	<i>(e.g., breakout/table discussions, Q&A, handouts, worksheets, polling, whiteboarding, activities, take-home resources)</i>
Category (see Talent Triangle)	<i>Ways of Working, Business Acumen, or Power Skills</i>
Included Attachments (optional)	<i>(e.g., presentation excerpts, samples, or recordings)</i>

Note: All applications must be complete and received on or before **Friday, July 24, 2026, at 11:59 PM CT**. Applications or additional proposed topics received after that time will not be considered.



Suggested Project Management Topics trending in 2025/26:

- Leading teams in an AI-driven workplace
- Building trust when decisions are supported by AI
- Human-centered leadership and emotional intelligence
- Ethical decision-making and responsible AI adoption
- The evolving role of project managers in the age of automation
- Strengthening communication, influence, and stakeholder confidence
- Balancing data-driven insights with human judgment
- Preparing leaders and teams for continuous change

Marketing Campaigns Requests

If **selected** for our Hybrid 2026 Fall PDD, we will provide a list of mandatory marketing requirements to promote the event.

Speaker Selection Process and Important Dates

Speakers' proposals will be reviewed as they are received. Applicants will receive an acknowledgment and next-step communication within 72 hours of submission.

Selected applicants will be invited to our 30-minute speaker interview on a rolling basis. We encourage interested speakers to submit early, as session selections may be made before the final deadline.

- **Call for Speakers opens:** June 22, 2026
- **Proposal deadline:** July 24, 2026, at 11:59 PM CT
- **Speaker interviews:** Conducted on a rolling basis through July 29, 2026
- **Final speaker decisions:** Communicated by July 31, 2026
- **Final presentation slides due:** September 18, 2026
- **PMI Austin Fall Professional Development Day:** Friday, October 2, 2026