Call for Proposals

Deeper Conversations: Around the Table is a reimagined initiative that provides students with the opportunity to design and lead structured dialogues on topics that matter most to you as a student and global citizen. These sessions are carefully designed to create environments for deep reflection, learning, and connection.

We invite all students to submit proposals to host a Deeper Conversations session. As you draft your proposal, consider these guiding questions:

- What is the broad topic or emergent issue on campus, locally, nationally, or globally that should be talked about?
- Who is being impacted by this topic?
- Why is this topic or issue important to talk about right now?
- What is the prevailing, mainstream story or perspective currently surrounding this topic? What alternative perspectives or counter-narratives need to be brought into the dialogue?

Please submit your proposal in a single document (PDF or Word format). Your proposal should be between 500-750 words and include your name and AndrewID as well as the following four sections:

Purpose Statement
Please share what draws you to the Deeper Conversations: Around the Table initiative. What personal, academic, or lived experiences have shaped your desire to lead a dialogue and hold space for your peers?

Dialogue Topic and Description
Provide a summary of your proposed dialogue topic. This section should serve as an "abstract" or overview detailing the central topic or issue to be explored.

Relevance and Potential for Impact
Explain why this topic needs a dedicated dialogue in this current moment, and how opening this conversation will foster learning and meaningful connection in this community.

Engagement Strategy
Share your strategy for inviting peers into the dialogue experience. Specifically, how will you outreach to bring in a diversity of people, backgrounds, and viewpoints?

Proposals should be submitted by email to Deeper Conversations [DeeperConversations@andrew.cmu.edu]. They will be reviewed by a committee of representatives across student affairs and academic units. This committee will look for clearly defined topics, a commitment to curiosity and exploring multiple perspectives, and a thoughtful approach to engaging a diverse group of peers.

Important Dates
Submission Deadline: Monday, October 18, 2026
Decisions will be announced on a rolling basis

Training and Preparation
Selected student facilitators will be required to participate in program development workshops leading up to the dialogue event. These workshops are designed to support you in refining your plan and developing your facilitation skills.

Program development workshops will be planned in consultation with selected student facilitators to ensure participation. Workshops will take place in late October and/or November 2026.