



2026 CAE in Cybersecurity Symposium CAE in Cyber Defense (CD) Track April 28-30, 2026 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

<https://www.caecommunity.org/cop-cyber-defense/cae-cd-symposium-program-committee>

Call for Submissions/Abstracts

Our 13th annual CAE in Cybersecurity Community Symposium will take place on April 28-30, 2026, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Symposium event is designed to provide CAE members and applicants the opportunity to network, receive community updates, and present their projects to the community. We are seeking proposals from CAE in Cybersecurity - Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) community members for lightning talks (10 min), presentations or mini workshops (20 min), and posters (unaccompanied). Below are the guidelines for proposed topics for lightning talks, presentations, mini workshops, and posters. Please keep in mind that there are a limited number of sessions available and a limit of three submissions per CAE-CD academic institution. Posters will be on display without presentation and viewable by Symposium attendees. The CAE Symposium's community-generated program will showcase best practices, stories of successful collaborations, lessons learned, future directions, and solutions to community-wide issues within the CAE-CD track. Commercial or sales presentations will not be considered. Please read this page carefully before you begin work on your proposal and be sure to submit by the deadline: January 15, 2026. Review the Author's Guidelines and submit an abstract proposal via the [CAE-CD Track EasyChair](#).

We welcome your submission!

Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Submission deadline for extended abstracts: **January 15, 2026**
- Reviews and responses to authors: **February 12, 2026**
- Submission of the final version of accepted abstracts (in DOCx) and presentation slides (in PDFs): **February 26, 2026**

Submit a 1-Page Extended Abstract for any of these submission types:

- Presentation/Mini Workshop (Time slots: 20 minutes per session)
- Lightning Talk (Time slots: 10 minutes per session)
- Poster (Unaccompanied poster)

All submissions are double-blind refereed. See submission requirements at "[Author's Guidelines](#)" and should follow the [1-page Proceedings Extended Abstract Template](#) provided only. All accepted submissions will include a 1-Page Extended Abstract that will be published in the CAE-CD Track Proceedings. *****By submitting an abstract, you agree to serve on the Program Committee and conduct a peer-review of at least three abstracts. Submissions may include student co-authors, but no students are allowed to present, only POC or designated individuals can attend/present if accepted*****

Suggested Topics

The CAE-CD Track invites submissions related to topics including, but not limited to:

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| • AI for cybersecurity | • Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) |
| • Automotive cybersecurity | • Higher education, training, and lifelong learning in cybersecurity |
| • CAE Community of Practice in Cyber Defense (CoP-CD) initiatives | • K-12 cybersecurity |
| • Capstone/graduate projects | • Maritime cybersecurity |
| • Careers in cybersecurity | • Mobile and ubiquitous communications security |
| • Contributions to the Department of War | • NCAE-C initiatives |
| • Cyber resilience strategies | • Security Education, Training, and Awareness (SETA) programs |
| • Cybersecurity awareness | • Security of AI systems |
| • Cybersecurity in healthcare and health informatics | • System auditing and compliance issues |
| • Cybersecurity tools | • Small and complex research projects |
| • Competency/skills/DCWF | • Social engineering and human factor in cybersecurity |
| • Emerging trends in cybersecurity | • Space cybersecurity |
| • Ethical and privacy concerns in cybersecurity | • Student club activities |

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