Call for Participation

The 2025 Federal Computer Assisted Survey Information Collection (FedCASIC) Workshops will be held virtually on April 22-23, 2025. Participation is open to government employees and contractors.

We invite proposals for roundtable discussions, self-organized sessions, and individual presentations. Submissions on any topic related to technological innovation in federal government surveys will be considered. Please see the list of suggested topics below.

Important dates

November 5, 2024
Abstract submission opens
Registration opens

January 24, 2025
Abstract submission closes

March 7, 2025
Acceptance notifications are sent out

March 21, 2025
Conference program is available

April 22-23, 2025
Conference takes place

April 23, 2025
Registration closes

Submission types

- *Roundtable discussion sessions:* A panel of speakers focused on a common theme, lasting 90 minutes. The discussion should encourage interaction with the attendees. The entire session requires one abstract.
- *Self-organized sessions:* Multiple presentations focused on a common theme, lasting 90 minutes. The session must include time for moderated discussion. These sessions typically include four presentations. Each presentation requires one abstract.
- *Individual presentations:* Oral presentations of original methodological research lasting 15 minutes.

Submission requirements

Submissions must include:
- Title, author names and affiliations, presenter names and affiliations, a suggested presentation track, and an abstract (up to 1,800 characters)
- A brief description of how the methodology applies to federal government surveys (up to 300 characters)

Submissions will be evaluated on their relevance to the conference theme of technology in survey data collection, the originality and timeliness of the topic, and the clarity of the ideas presented.

Each submission will be assigned an Abstract ID. You may use this ID to update your abstract at any time before submission closes. If you are submitting more than two abstracts as an author or co-author, please consider submitting as a self-organized session.

Formal papers are not required although you are encouraged to submit presentation slides for dissemination to the public on the FedCASIC website.

Suggested Topics

Alternative data sources

- Using administrative records
- Evaluating and communicating data quality
- **Web scraping, using APIs, and other data gathering techniques**
- Mining structured and unstructured paradata
- Analyzing keystroke/trace/audit data

Data collection

- Using online probability and non-probability panels
- Transitioning to online or mixed mode data collection
- Innovative in-person data collection methods
- Addressing data collection management challenges

Data science and analysis

- AI and machine learning applications
- Text analysis
- Data integration methods
- Data science workforce development

Field operations

- Improving response rates using technology
- Engaging respondents using technology (texting, email, social media)
- Reducing respondent burden using technology
- Training on technology use
- Using technology in field operation management

Survey design and respondent experience

- Survey instrument design
- Cognitive testing
- Usability testing
- Accessibility
- Human-centered design

Data dissemination

- Information architecture and data organization
- Data search design
- Navigation or workflow design
- Data presentation and visualization
- User research

If you have any questions, please contact the 2025 FedCASIC Planning Committee (fedcasic@bls.gov).