

Invitation to propose sessions to Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference 2025

We welcome proposals for sessions to be held during the Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference which takes place in Rovaniemi, Finland on May 5–7th 2025. Conference venues are the Korundi House of Culture and Arktikum House.

Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit has been organized in Rovaniemi every two years since 2013 and is the only regular international Arctic conference in Finland. The conference is organized by the Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland and the City of Rovaniemi with several partners.

This year the theme for the conference is **“Elements of Arctic Security”**:

Living in the Arctic calls for security on many levels: human security, ecological and climate security, as well as hard security. The recent geopolitical shifts only underline the need for holistic understanding when it comes to security and its many aspects in the Arctic.

The first conference day is a policy day with keynotes and panels. The scientific and thematic sessions will be organized on the second day. We welcome proposals for sessions that can be comprised of oral presentations or panel/round table discussions.

The length of the sessions will most likely be 90 minutes, including sufficient time for Q&A or other forms of audience involvement.

Sessions should cover some elements of Arctic security and follow for example one of these themes:

1. Facing the challenges of Arctic security
2. Climate change adaptation, biodiversity and sustainability as elements of security
3. The role of technological innovation in security
4. Socio-economic security in the Arctic
5. Young/future generations building the future security

Proposals must include the following:

1. The session's title (*can be preliminary*)
2. The session's convener(s)
3. Contact person
4. List of speakers and speaker topics (*can be preliminary*)
5. A short description of the session for the review process, maximum 250 words
6. A short promotional description of the session (*this text can be used to promote your session on social media, the text can also be sent later*)
7. Any special requests (*room setup etc.*)

The deadline for session proposals is **January 24th, 2025**. Proposals should be submitted via email to rovaniemi.arcticspirit@ulapland.fi. Please contact the same email address if you have any further questions.

The decisions will be announced by January 31st, 2025.

There is no fee for organizing a session, but organizers and speakers are responsible for their own travel and accommodation, as well as the applicable event participation fee.