



Invitation for Talk Proposals

TEDxSHSU 2025

Sam Houston State University is proud to host our fourth annual TEDxSHSU on **October 1, 2025**, in the Lowman Student Center. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, and regional thought leaders are invited to apply to speak.

TEDx events are independent, locally-organized, licensed by the TED organization, and hosted in more than 3,000 communities around the world. TEDx events highlight big ideas from local experts, researchers, thinkers, doers, artists, innovators, community leaders, and change-makers. We are proud to be one of only a few universities in Texas to be officially licensed to host a TEDx program. TED's mission is to "discover and spread ideas that spark conversation, deepen understanding, and drive meaningful change." TED and TEDx Talks have featured some of the world's most innovative and creative minds, problem solvers, and imaginative thinkers.

Generating Ideas

TEDx events highlight ideas worth spreading from within the local community. They also raise awareness about local issues, research, community partnerships, and solutions. Those considering a submission should ensure your proposal highlights an innovative idea, a unique story or perspective, cutting-edge research, and/or a focus on local/regional issues and solutions.

Application Process

We invite individuals interested in giving a 10- to 15-minute talk to submit a proposal for consideration, to be reviewed by our Curation Team. We seek to showcase a broad range of innovative ideas and thinking, in the spirit of TED.

Your proposal should include a talk title, abstract, why your idea matters, how it aligns with TED's mission, and why you're the best person to share it. In addition, include a short bio, any past speaking experience, acknowledgment of TED and TEDxSHSU policies, and a 1-2 minute video pitch of your idea. Submit your proposal [here](#).

TED Guidelines

All talks must adhere to TEDx [Content Guidelines](#) and [Copyright Guidelines](#). Please review these guidelines carefully before you apply. All selected TEDxSHSU Talks will be fact-checked in accordance with TED policies.

Speaker Commitment and Preparation

All selected TEDxSHSU speakers are supported by an in-depth preparation process and a dedicated team of Coaches. Speakers must attend a virtual kickoff meeting in June 2025 (date/time TBA). Each speaker will be paired with a TEDxSHSU Coach, who provides support as you plan, develop, revise, and memorize your talk. Speakers should plan to spend significant time during Summer 2025 crafting your talk, working with your Coach, and participating in monthly Speaker Circles. Active participation in speaker preparation is required.

Timeline for TEDxSHSU 2025

May 2: Deadline to Submit Talk Proposals, 11:59 PM CST

Mid- to Late May: Notification to Selected Speakers

Early June: TEDxSHSU Speaker Kickoff Meeting

June to August: Develop talk, work with Coach, attend Speaker Circles, revise/craft/polish talk

Early September: Memorize talk, practice delivery, polish delivery, attend rehearsals

Week of September 15: On-stage rehearsals

September 30: Final rehearsals in Orange Ballroom

October 1: TEDxSHSU, all day

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For more information, visit www.shsu.edu/tedxshsu.

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