



The 2025 joint AAA and AIMA conference invites a multi-faceted exploration of temporal themes within the discipline. This will be a platform to celebrate the significant strides made in archaeology and maritime archaeology, particularly regarding the increased inclusion and empowerment of previously silenced voices. We encourage reflections on how perspectives from Indigenous Australians and other First Nations peoples, women, queer communities, slaves, migrants and other historically underrepresented groups have enriched and reshaped these fields, prompting critical examination of past practices and fostering a more inclusive future. We invite the results of investigations from different subdisciplines which illuminate the change and continuity of people and Country through time. Certain aspects of the human experience transcend time altogether, connecting us to our ancestors and future generations, so "It's About Time!" also beckons us to delve deeper into the very concept of time itself. We welcome presentations that challenge conventional, linear understandings of time and consider alternative temporal ontologies. We look forward to a collective examination of how archaeology and maritime archaeology engage with the past, present, and future through the multi-faceted dimensions of time.

## CALL FOR SESSIONS

Submissions are now invited for proposed sessions. We welcome session proposals, **which must be linked to the conference theme**, from any field of archaeological inquiry, including Indigenous archaeology, historical archaeology, cultural heritage management, rock art studies, maritime archaeology, archaeological science, and public archaeology. We particularly encourage sessions that seek presentations that range across the archaeology discipline, especially sessions that will allow presentations that address archaeology on both land and underwater.

Session organisers should provide a title and abstract (up to 200 words) for the proposed session and select the session format, which will run for 2 hours:

- **Standard Session** – 6 presentations of 20 minutes each (including Q&A). Please provide an estimate of the number of standard sessions requested.
- **Lightning Round** – 10 presentations of 10 mins each, followed by 20 minutes for Q&A or general discussion. Lightning round sessions were specifically requested by AAA2023 delegates to ensure no more than three concurrent sessions. These short papers are particularly well suited to the presentation of preliminary results, scientific analyses, heritage management projects, and sessions incorporating multiple presentations on the same overarching research project. Please provide an estimate of the number of lightning round sessions requested..
- **Workshop or Panel** – may follow a range of formats and would be particularly suited to discussions of specific theme-related issues or methodologies. Please include principal aims in your abstract, and advise potential number of speakers, and any restrictions on numbers of participants.

Although we are not yet calling for paper abstracts and are only requesting session proposals, we remind session proposers that paper presenters may only present one oral paper during the conference, though they may be co-authors on other papers. This applies to panellists and workshop convenors. The lead session organiser and lead paper presenter must be AAA or AIMA members, and all session organisers and presenters must be registered to attend the conference by 1 September 2025. To limit the number of parallel sessions, the conference committee will combine similar themes where necessary while striving to achieve the widest possible diversity of session topics under the umbrella of the conference theme.

Session abstracts are due by **30 April 2025**.

We will announce the conference sessions that have been accepted on 9 May and issue a Call for Paper and Poster Abstracts on 19 May. Conference registrations will open on 19 May.

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