



Western Users of SAS Software (WUSS) is seeking qualified providers of training to propose classes for the 2026 WUSS Educational Forum and Conference (www.wuss.org)

The WUSS 2026 conference will be held September 1 – 3 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, CA. Half-day classes (lasting 3.5 hours each) will be held in the morning Tuesday, September 1 and afternoon, Thursday, September 3. Most classes are offered in a lecture-style format, but there is room for a limited number of hands-on classes. In an effort to maximize potential attendance per class, there will only be six classes offered in total, three per half day.

Classes offered at WUSS can cover a wide range of topics for all levels of SAS users in a variety of industries. Below is a suggested (but NOT limited) list of topics:

- Anything Data (data cleaning, data visualization, array processing, etc.)
- Open Source Tools for Analytics such as Python and R
- Data Analytics and Statistics
- Machine Learning Techniques
- Survey Methodology
- Generative AI for Real-World Applications
- SAS Macro Programming
- PROC SQL
- Solutions Development

If you submit a Hands-on Workshop (HOW) format proposal, please note that at WUSS these classes rely on the “bring your own device” model and there are no devices available onsite. If you are planning a HOW, please make sure that your class is suitable for SAS On Demand for Academics (SAS ODA) and it is installed on your device OR you have an optional way to provide

documents to students (e.g., GitHub or house documents on the WUSS website). Many attendees bring their company laptops and will not be able to obtain documents from memory sticks. We will ensure students are aware of the “bring your own device” policy and that they have SAS ODA installed if needed.

2026 Conference Classes Policies

Instructors will receive:

The instructor will be paid \$50/student for each class.

Waived conference registration (non-transferable).

WUSS will provide:

Classroom at the conference site.

A/V, including LCD projector, screen, and power supply for instructor’s laptop, plus an onsite A/V technician.

Online registration tool and onsite registration staff.

WUSS requires the following from class instructors:

Attendance at the conference.

A 50-minute presentation or Hands-On Workshop to be presented during the conference. The topic of the conference presentation does not have to be the same as the class. The instructor is responsible for submitting an abstract through the Call for Content submission system.

A complimentary copy of the textbooks and/or course notes for each student in the class. If digital copies are to be provided, they must be provided to students one week before the start of conference classes; additional copies must also be made available in case anyone registers for the class onsite.

WUSS requires taxpayer information to reimburse instructors.

For more information about taxpayer information, please contact the class coordinator.

Cancellation Policy:

After the close of Early Registration (Aug 3) any instructor with fewer than five students registered for their class will be asked to make the following decision:

- **Either** cancel the class. (Students may register for another class or receive a refund)
- **Or** commit to offer the class no matter how many students ultimately register.

WUSS respectfully reserves the right to cancel any or all classes at any time for any reason. In the rare case of course cancellation, the WUSS Class Coordinator will consult with the affected instructors and students.

Proposal Instructions

To apply, please submit the attached Excel Class Proposal via email to classcoordinator@wuss.org by no later than **May 11, 2026**.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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