



2026 Institute on Authentic Assessment: Application

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 AAC&U Institute on Authentic Assessment (IAA). Please submit your application no later than Friday, March 6, 2026. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with admissions decisions communicated within two weeks of submission. If you wait to submit until the March 8th deadline, you will be notified no later than March 17, 2026.

Institution/Organization Information

Institution Name

Which AAC&U Institutes has your institution attended before (e.g., IGEA 2019, HIPS 2016, etc.)?

Carnegie Classification

- Doctoral Universities
- Master's Colleges and Universities
- Baccalaureate
- Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges
- Associate's Colleges
- Special Focus Institutions, Two-Year
- Special Focus Institutions, Four-Year
- Tribal Colleges

Undergraduate Enrollment

Masters Enrollment

Doctoral Enrollment

Affiliation

- Public not-for-profit
- Private not-for-profit
- Private for-profit

Other context related to student population (e.g., minority serving institutions, community college)

Primary Contact Person's/Team Leader's Personal Information

- Prefix (Dr. Ms. Mr., etc.) _____
- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Full Title (no abbreviations, please) _____
- Discipline _____
- Email _____
- Phone _____
- Campus/Office Address _____

Team Member Information

Team Member #1

- Prefix (Dr. Ms. Mr., etc.) _____
- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Full Title (no abbreviations, please) _____
- Discipline _____
- Email _____

Team Member #2

- Prefix (Dr. Ms. Mr., etc.) _____
- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Full Title (no abbreviations, please) _____
- Discipline _____
- Email _____

Team Member #3

- Prefix (Dr. Ms. Mr., etc.) _____
- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Full Title (no abbreviations, please) _____
- Discipline _____
- Email _____

Team Member #4

- Prefix (Dr. Ms. Mr., etc.) _____

- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Full Title (no abbreviations, please) _____
- Discipline _____
- Email _____

Team Member #5

- Prefix (Dr. Ms. Mr., etc.) _____
- First Name _____
- Last Name _____
- Full Title (no abbreviations, please) _____
- Discipline _____
- Email _____

Optional: Space permitting, AAC&U will consider requests for additional campus team members beyond the included six on a case-by-case basis at additional cost (see website for details).

Number of additional team members:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Additional team members' personal and contact information:

President's/Chancellor's Authorization

By entering the president's or chancellor's name and email address below, you confirm that they agree to the following: "If selected, my institution will attend the AAC&U Institute on Authentic Assessment, meet all terms of participation, and accept financial responsibility for the institute fee."

President's/Chancellor's Full Name

President's/Chancellor's Email Address

Context

What led your team to apply to the Institute? (100 words)

Please summarize your most recent efforts to improve assessment, evaluation, and/or institutional effectiveness, including which individuals/groups were involved. (100 words)

Which of the following best describes the catalyst(s) for your work on assessment/nature of your area of focus for the Institute? Check all that apply.

- You received feedback or recommendations about assessment, evaluation, and/or institutional effectiveness practices through professional and/or regional accreditation processes
- You are creating new or revising existing academic and/or co-curricular programs
- You are reimagining general education curricula and need to update your institution's approach to

- You are in the process of responding to accountability mandates that require the development of assessment and evaluation protocols
- You are looking to provide comprehensive professional/faculty development to colleagues who are new to assessment work on campus
- You want to more meaningfully link assessment with pedagogy, including but not limited to the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL)
- You want to integrate AAC&U's VALUE rubrics (modified or original versions) into their programmatic or institutional approach to assessment in ways that make sense for their institutional culture and context
- You need support exploring the full range of quantitative and qualitative assessment methodologies that would be appropriate for the work at your institution
- Other (please describe) _____

What are some of the resource and/or political challenges/issues at play in this work for you? (100 words)

How does participation in the Institute align with your institution's current strategic priorities? (75 words)

Goals During the Institute

What are your team's goal(s) for the Institute? (100 words)

Needs

Briefly state your top three needs/concerns vis-à-vis assessment reform?

#1 Need/Concern _____

#2 Need/Concern _____

#3 Need/Concern _____

Please elaborate on your needs/concerns (300 words):

Team Composition

What is your rationale for choosing the members of your campus team? What roles do you envision each person playing in your reform efforts? How will your team structure influence the work done following the Institute? (300 words)

Contributions

What do you believe your team can contribute to the Institute/other Institute teams? (150 words)

Final Questions

Is there any other information you wish us to know as we evaluate your team's application?

How did you find out about the Institute?

- A colleague from my institution's assessment, institutional research, and/or institutional effectiveness office
- A colleague from my institution's faculty development office/center for teaching and learning
- A faculty colleague
- A colleague from student affairs
- An AAC&U email or social post
- An AAC&U publication
- An AAC&U meeting (e.g., Annual Meeting, conference, Institute)
- A non-AAC&U conference on assessment (e.g., the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis)
- A regional accreditation conference/meeting or publication (e.g., SACS-COC Annual Meeting, NEASC)
- A professional accreditation conference/meeting or publication (e.g., ABET, AACSB)
- Other (please specify) _____

To submit your application, please click the red arrow in the bottom right corner.

Thanks for your time completing this application! We look forward to reviewing your responses and will be in touch in the following weeks.