# **Call for Participation**

LISA is the premier conference for IT operations, where systems engineers, operations professionals, and academic researchers share real-world knowledge about designing, building, and maintaining the critical systems of our interconnected world.

# Industry Call for Participation

We invite industry leaders to propose topics that demonstrate the present and future of IT operations. LISA submissions should inspire and motivate attendees to take actions that will positively impact their business operations.

# **Important Dates**

- Early proposals deadline: Monday, February 29, 2016, 11:59 pm PST
- Notification to early proposal submitters: Friday, March 25, 2016
- Standard proposals deadline: Monday, April 25, 2016, 11:59 pm PDT
- Notification to standard proposal submitters: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

# **Conference Organizers**

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# **Topic Categories**

#### **Architecture**

- Scalability and Resiliency
- Infrastructure Design
- Machine Learning
- Performance Planning
- Strategic Vision
- On the Horizon

#### **Culture**

- Building Dev/Ops Relationships
- Business Communication
- Standards and Regulatory Compliance
- On-Call Challenges
- Workplace Diversity
- Mentorship, Education, and Training

## **Engineering**

- Dynamic Service Implementation
- Continuous Delivery
- Monitoring and Instrumentation
- · Machine and Service Hardening
- Analytics of System Data
- Release Engineering

# **Proposals We Are Seeking**

- Talks: 30-minute talks with an additional 10 minutes for Q&A
- Mini Tutorials: 90-minute courses teaching practical, immediately applicable skills
- **Tutorials:** Half-day or full-day courses taught by experts in the specific topic, preferably with interactive components such as in-class exercises, breakout sessions, or use of the LISA Lab space
- Panels: Moderator-led groups of 3–5 experts answering moderator and audience questions on a particular topic
- **Workshops:** Half-day or full-day organizer-guided, round-table discussions which bring members of a community together to talk about common interests

All proposal submissions are due by April 25, 2016.

