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Executive Summary

The ninth annual Practice & Experience in Advanced Research Computing (PEARC) conference, highlighting the Power of Collaboration, was held July 20–July 24, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. The PEARC conference series is a community-driven effort built on the successes of the past, with the aim to grow and increase inclusivity by involving additional local, regional, national, and international cyberinfrastructure and research computing partners spanning academia, government, and industry. The PEARC Conference Series works to integrate and meet the collective interests of the growing Research Computing and Data (RCD) community by providing a forum for discussing challenges, opportunities, and solutions among its broad range of participants.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The following findings and recommendations provide a comprehensive overview of the PEARC25 conference experience, based on a general assessment response rate of 35.5%. Overall, the conference was highly successful, with participants consistently rating activities at or above 4.0 on a 5.0 scale. Key success metrics include a strong sense of community belonging (82.5%), a high likelihood of future attendance (82.8%), and an impressive 95.8% of respondents who would recommend the event to their colleagues. This section summarizes outcomes across the general conference, student program, mentor-protégé initiatives, and exhibitor experience, highlighting the primary drivers of value—specifically, networking, tutorials/workshops, and technical presentations—alongside operational areas identified for further refinement.

General Conference Performance

- **High Satisfaction and Retention:** Participants reported high satisfaction (ratings $\geq 4.0/5.0$ across most activities), with 82.8% planning to attend PEARC26 and 95.8% willing to recommend the conference to colleagues.
- **Primary Value Drivers:** Networking remains the top priority (80.9%), followed by tutorials/workshops (61.1%) and technical presentations (57.2%).
- **Sense of Belonging:** 82.5% of respondents feel a sense of belonging within the community, though 23% of students felt their technical background was potentially insufficient for full participation.
- **Safety Awareness Gap:** While 94.5% were aware of the Code of Conduct, only 24% knew how to report a violation.
- **Operational Friction:** Attendees noted deficits in food quality, high costs relative to other conferences, confusing schedules, and venue navigation challenges.

Student Program Highlights

- **Exceptional Reception:** Students were more positive than general attendees, with 94.3% deeming their experience successful and 92.3% achieving their attendance goals.
- **Effective Networking:** Strong meaningful connections were formed with both researchers/scientists (96.1%) and student peers (94.3%).
- **Engagement Barriers:** Some students found the schedule too "packed and rushed" and struggled with the expensive location and logistical confusion.

Mentor-Protégé Program Dynamics

- **Strong Core Value:** 86.1% of mentors reported the program met expectations, valuing its role in networking and career-stage knowledge transfer.
- **Matching Efficacy Issues:** The matching process was the primary critique, described as opaque or ineffective in creating pairs with common interests.
- **Engagement Challenges:** Mentors noted difficulties in meeting up during the event and cited instances of protégé "ghosting" or unresponsiveness.

Exhibitor Program and Engagement

- **High ROI:** 94.3% of exhibitors met their expectations and 92.2% felt the financial investment was worthwhile.
- **Audience Alignment:** 94.1% agreed the conference attracts their target audiences (decision-makers and technical experts).
- **Communication Bottlenecks:** Exhibitors reported receiving too many emails from too many sources and lacked early, organized information regarding logistics and attendee lists.
- **Engagement Gaps:** Low-traffic periods during plenaries and a desire for more direct student engagement were noted as areas for improvement.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Participant feedback suggests that PEARC25 was well received, with major deficits noted by some in food offerings, scheduling, plenary programming, costs, workshop and tutorial structure, technical program content/balance, location and venue, conference app/schedule, newcomer engagement, submission and review processes, among others. While most respondents agreed that the conference was successful, opportunities for general improvement were also identified. These data inform the following recommendations:

Venue, Logistics, and Accessibility

- **Optimize Room Layouts:** Increase session room capacity and navigation ease by providing more space between seating and utilizing classroom-style setups for all workshops and tutorials.
- **Enhance Onsite Infrastructure:** Improve AV support, ensure consistent high-speed network access, and install power strips or table-integrated power in all session rooms.
- **Upgrade Catering and Amenities:** Provide breakfast, ensure all-day availability of coffee and water, and offer higher-quality, healthy vegetarian/vegan and non-alcoholic options.
- **Minimize Transit Time:** Prevent tracks from being split across distant locations within the venue to reduce attendee travel time and schedule conflicts.

Programming and Content Strategy

- **Refine Scheduling:** Return to 30-minute presentation blocks, align the timing of all parallel sessions, and provide a matrix-style view of the schedule to visualize overlaps.
- **Strengthen Technical Rigor:** Maintain the volume of technical paper sessions while recruiting visionary plenary speakers and categorizing all sessions by expertise level (e.g., beginner to advanced).
- **Expand Hands-on Learning:** Increase the availability of practical, hands-on workshops and provide all materials/prerequisites to attendees well before sessions begin.

Targeted Program Improvements

- **Student Program:** Announce the Call for Participation (CFP) earlier to facilitate funding, continue structured networking, and offer virtual pre-conference sessions to reduce onsite fatigue.
- **Mentor-Protégé Program:** Facilitate better matches through pre-conference surveys and provide mentors with detailed protégé profiles and year-round engagement resources.
- **First-Time Attendee (FTA) & Safety:** Broaden promotion of the FTA program and increase the visibility of Code of Conduct reporting mechanisms through plenary announcements and registration contact cards.
- **Exhibitor Engagement:** Streamline communications with a comprehensive manual and reintroduce structured events, such as speed networking, to connect exhibitors with students and specific attendee groups.

Governance and Review Process

- **Review Quality:** Implement reviewer onboarding sessions and ensure all reviewers have the specific background knowledge required to provide credible, high-quality feedback.
- **Submission Workflow:** Simplify the ACM TAPS submission process to make it less cumbersome for authors.

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INTRODUCTION

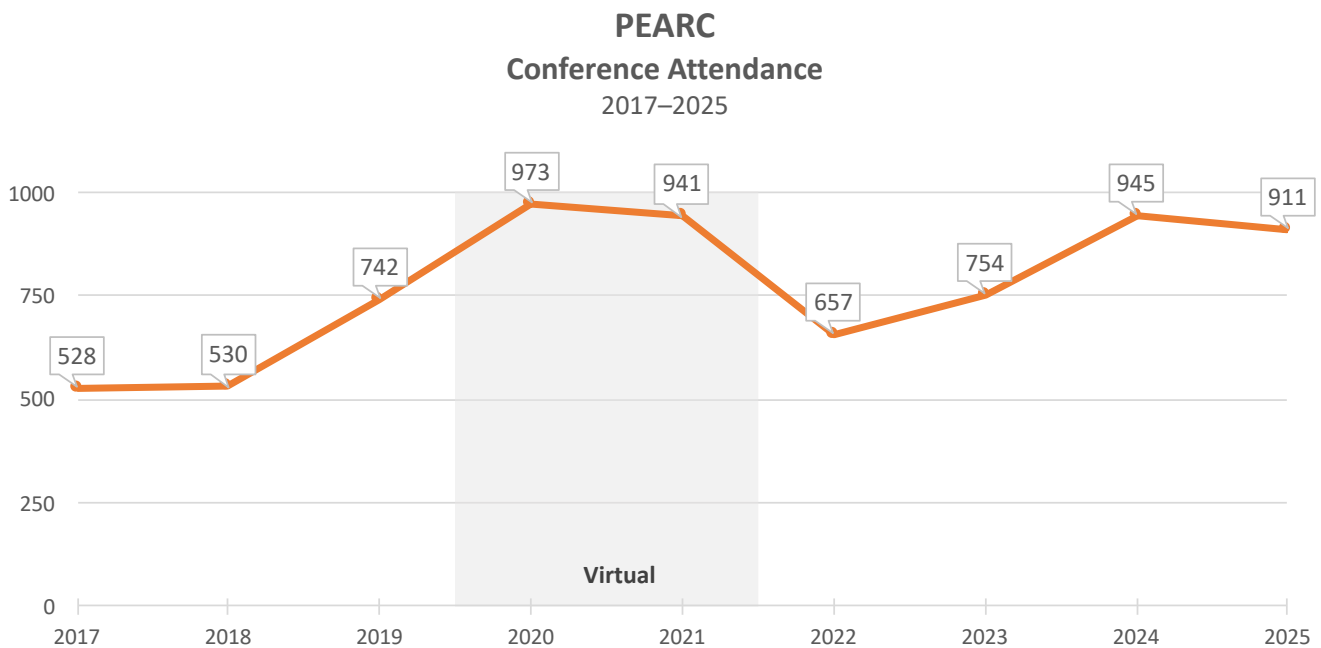
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PEARC25 also continued its student, mentor-protege, and exhibitor programs and diversity efforts, bringing together researchers, technologists, industry professionals, students, and prospective community members from underrepresented groups, diverse backgrounds, and new disciplines.

Attendance was well above average (723.9) for an in-person PEARC conference and on par with 2024 attendance (Figure 1). Please note that attendance numbers differ slightly from registration numbers.

Figure 1. PEARC conference attendance, 2017–2025



METHOD

Evaluation of the PEARC25 conference consisted of five participant surveys: General Conference, Workshop/Tutorial Sessions, Student Program, Mentor Program, and Exhibitor.

Conference participants were sent email invitations (and multiple email reminders) to complete surveys for the full conference and all workshop/tutorial sessions for which they had registered. Students and mentors were likewise invited to complete surveys for their programs; the Student Program assessment was a live administration of the online survey. Conference exhibitors were invited to complete an in-person, offline survey about their experience. Surveys were conducted via the Qualtrics software platform, and all questions were optional.

In addition, formal focus group sessions were conducted on two separate occasions during the conference, both scheduled during lunch hours so as not to conflict with conference programming. Additional ad hoc interviews were conducted by request for those who wished to provide specific feedback but could not (or did not wish to) participate in focus group sessions. Focus group sessions, which were limited to a small number of participants, were completely optional and open to all attendees, including exhibitors and student program participants. Because the findings from the focus group sessions represent the opinions of a small number of conference attendees, they have been incorporated into the general findings and recommendations, rather than presented separately (as in in past years), to not place undue significance on the resulting findings.

Finally, we acknowledge the utilization of ChatGPT and Google Gemini in the preparation of this report. These tools were employed to assist in the processing and organization of qualitative feedback collected from open-ended survey questions.

RESPONDENTS

Response rates for PEARC25 conference assessments ranged from 27.7% to 100% (Table 1).

Table 1. Survey response

Survey	Number in Sample	Number of Responses	Response Rate
Workshop/Tutorial Sessions	1482	411	27.7%
General Conference	739	262	35.5%
Student	76	54	71.1%
Student Mentor	71	36	50.7%
Exhibitor	33	33	100.0%

Many of the respondents to the full conference survey (Table 2) were first-time attendees (40.3%, 96/238). More than two-thirds of respondents operate or support campus research computing resources (69.3%, 165/238). More than half of respondents describe themselves as research staff (10.9%, 27/248) or research computing and data operations/support staff (42.3%, 105/248), while more than a quarter are in executive/leadership roles (26.2%, 65/248). Most respondents cite networking with colleagues (80.8%, 208/257) or attending presentations (57.2%, 147/257) as their primary reason for attending PEARC25.

All student program participants were invited to participate in the post-conference assessment (Table 3). Most students responding were first-time attendees (88%, 44/50). Over half of the students heard about PEARC25 from their faculty advisor or via their academic department (30/50, 57.7%).

Table 2. Full conference survey respondent demographics

PEARC relationship (Select all that apply.)	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (238)
This is my first time attending PEARC conference	96	40.3%
I am a Campus Champion	65	27.3%
I operate or support campus research computing resources	165	69.3%
I operate or support federally funded research computing resources	89	37.4%
I operate or support research computing resources funded by some other organization	38	16.0%
I am part of an advanced cyberinfrastructure organization or project	71	29.8%
Primary reasons for attending the PEARC25 conference (Select up to 3.)	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (257)
Make a presentation	99	38.5%
Attend presentations	147	57.2%
Attend tutorials and/or workshops	157	61.1%
Network with colleagues	208	80.9%
Interact with funding agency representatives	20	7.8%
Attend exhibitor forums/interact with exhibitor representatives	23	8.9%
Get technical information/specifications	50	19.5%
Demo products/participate in an exhibit	7	2.7%
Other	14	5.4%
Job title / Academic status	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (248)
Executive leadership (e.g., VP, CIO, director, manager, etc.)	65	26.2%
University faculty or equivalent	21	8.5%
Research staff	27	10.9%
Research Computing and Data operations/support (non-executive leadership)	105	42.3%
Postdoctoral fellow	3	1.2%
Graduate student	3	1.2%
Undergraduate student	7	2.8%
High school student	0	0.0%
Corporate/Industry professional	6	2.4%
Other	11	4.4%
Race/Ethnicity (Select all that apply.)	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (245)
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.4%
Asian	49	20.0%
Black or African American	11	4.5%
Hispanic or Latino	9	3.7%
Middle Eastern or North African	3	1.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.4%
White	156	63.7%
Other	4	1.6%
Prefer not to disclose	25	10.2%
Gender	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (246)
Male	170	69.1%
Female	54	22.0%
Prefer to self-describe	4	1.6%
Prefer not to disclose	18	7.3%

Table 3. Student program survey respondent demographics

How did you hear about the PEARC conference? (Select all that apply.)	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (52)
A previous Student Program participant	4	7.7%
Another conference	1	1.9%
College	19	36.5%
Department	9	17.3%
Faculty advisor	21	40.4%
HPCUniversity.org website	0	0.0%
Shodor website	0	0.0%
Student organization	2	3.8%
XSEDE website, event, and/or training	6	11.5%
Other	14	26.9%
PEARC relationship (Select all that apply.)	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (50)
This was my first time attending a PEARC conference	44	88.0%
I use ACCESS resources (computational, training, outreach, etc.) for my research/work	13	26.0%
I attended as part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program	9	18.0%
I attended as part of an ACCESS program	2	4.0%
I attended as part of MS-CC Climate Science program	5	10.0%
Job title / Academic status	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (50)
Postdoctoral fellow	0	0.0%
Graduate student	24	48.0%
Undergraduate student	26	52.0%
High school student	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Race/ethnicity (Select all that apply.)	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (49)
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0%
Asian	23	46.9%
Black or African American	11	22.4%
Hispanic or Latinx	2	4.1%
Middle Eastern or North African	1	2.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
White	14	28.6%
Other	2	4.1%
Prefer not to disclose	1	2.0%
Gender	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (48)
Male	21	43.8%
Female	25	52.1%
Prefer to self-describe	0	0.0%
Prefer not to disclose	2	4.2%
Parent / guardian level of education	Number of Responses	Percentage of N (49)
High school or less	8	16.3%
Some college	5	10.2%
Associate's (two-year) degree	2	4.1%
Bachelor's degree	7	14.3%
Master's degree	16	32.7%
Professional doctoral degree (e.g., MD/DO, EdD, DMD, DDS, OD, EED, DSc, etc.)	2	4.1%
PhD	8	16.3%
Other	1	2.0%

FINDINGS

General Conference

OVERALL RESPONSE. Respondents to the general conference survey rated the value of conference activities (Table 4), their satisfaction with the conference (Table 5) and their experience as conference attendees (Table 6), with most measures rated above 4.0 on a 5.0 scale. The networking opportunities (4.57/5.00), the First-time Attendee Program activities (4.23/5.00), and the Tuesday evening social event at the COSI Museum (4.21/5.00) and were seen as the most valuable aspects of the conference. The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday plenary sessions were less highly rated (3.89/5.00, 3.82/5.00 and 3.88/5.00, respectively).

Respondents felt their goals for attending the conference were achieved (4.47/5.00) and the knowledge and skills gained at PEARC25 will contribute to their work/research (4.40/5.00). In addition, most respondents would recommend the PEARC conference to their colleagues (4.59/5.00). Food and beverage (3.88/5.00) and the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday plenary sessions (3.89, 3.82, and 3.88, respectively) were the lowest rated items evaluated.

This year's survey again included several questions about growing and improving the PEARC community. While most respondents indicated they were aware of the Code of Conduct (4.51/5.00), fewer knew how to report a Code of Conduct violation (4.10/5.00); however, the mean rating for both items increased over 2024, indicating increasing overall awareness. Interest in being more involved in the conference was also higher than in past years (3.71/5.00), with 135 respondents (or 55%) expressing an affirmative desire to increase their involvement; a list of these individuals and their contact information was provided to PEARC26 conference leadership in a separate document. The number of respondents planning to present at a future PEARC was significantly higher (4.08/5.00) than in past years.

When asked about the strengths of PEARC25, respondents shared hundreds of positive and supportive comments, with many mentioning the welcoming and collaborative community, including programming for first-time attendees; opportunities for networking and career development; the quality, variety and relevance of technical content; and the effective organization and venue arrangements, among others.

Some comments include:

- 🗨️ *The networking opportunities were outstanding, especially for new attendees. The small-group new attendee dinner was wonderful! The hands on sessions were applicable to my job (although Wi-Fi issues meant it was not always possible to participate).*
- 🗨️ *The topics presented were very current, interesting, and reflected the theme of "The Power of Collaboration". The speakers at the plenary session were fantastic!*
- 🗨️ *Bringing together and emphasizing the power of community in a time when science is being devalued, disparaged, and defunded by the federal government helped affirm the value of persisting in supporting scientific research for the betterment of all humanity.*
- 🗨️ *While growing, the conference feels very inviting. Everyone was open in connecting and interacting. While I know the conference will need to grow, hopefully it won't get too big like SC where it's too much in a short amount of time.*
- 🗨️ *The conference felt very welcoming. I found the structure a nice balance between talks and times to rest/network. It feels much more people-first than other conferences.*

- Having a combined exhibitor, networking, poster session, and small presentation space, in the direct path to/from the plenary session was brilliant. This is the best layout we've ever had at PEARC. The only improvement would have been if that space was a little closer to the PODs where all the other sessions were held
- A great balance of highly relevant content and breadth across subjects relevant to academic research computing. I also thought the layout and design of the exhibitor hall was excellent.
- The strengths of PEARC (in general, not just '25) include the community, foremost, and the variety of tracks/offerings for the varying roles in our community. The opportunities for networking and collaborating are ample, and I always come back to work with new ideas and motivation.

Table 4. Value of conference activities

Activity	Not at all valuable (1)		Not very valuable (2)		Neutral value (3)		Valuable (4)		Extremely valuable (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
Tuesday, July 22: Plenary Session Valerie Taylor	2.4%	5	6.6%	14	16.5%	35	48.6%	103	25.9%	55	3.89	0.94	212
Wednesday, July 23: Plenary Session Rosemarie Rosetti	3.0%	6	6.4%	13	24.8%	50	37.6%	76	28.2%	57	3.82	1.01	202
Thursday, July 24: Plenary Session Banding Together in Challenging Times Fireside Chat	1.4%	2	7.6%	11	20.0%	29	43.4%	63	27.6%	40	3.88	0.94	145
Poster and Viz Reception	0.0%	0	1.9%	4	12.9%	27	53.6%	112	31.6%	66	4.15	0.71	209
Exhibitor Program	0.0%	0	3.0%	7	19.3%	45	50.2%	117	27.5%	64	4.02	0.77	233
Networking opportunities at conference	0.0%	0	0.8%	2	3.7%	9	33.2%	81	62.3%	152	4.57	0.61	244
Tuesday evening networking event (COSI Museum)	0.5%	1	3.6%	7	12.4%	24	40.9%	79	42.5%	82	4.21	0.83	193
First-time Attendee Program activities	1.0%	1	1.0%	1	20.2%	21	29.8%	31	48.1%	50	4.23	0.87	104

Table 5. Full conference satisfaction


Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
The information on the conference website was adequate for planning my PEARC25 experience.	0.4%	1	3.1%	8	5.0%	13	35.4%	92	56.2%	146	4.44	0.76	260
The conference schedule allowed sufficient time for breaks and informal meetings/networking.	0.8%	2	2.3%	6	4.7%	12	33.3%	86	58.9%	152	4.47	0.76	258
There was an adequate variety of sessions offered during the conference.	0.4%	1	0.8%	2	5.1%	13	42.7%	108	51.0%	129	4.43	0.67	253
I would like to see more of the conference schedule devoted to panels, BOFs, and/or workshops (rather than technical paper sessions).	1.6%	4	16.3%	42	41.2%	106	24.5%	63	16.3%	42	3.38	0.99	257
The conference was well advertised (e.g. website, social media, etc.).	0.0%	0	1.6%	4	15.0%	37	42.9%	106	40.5%	100	4.22	0.75	247
The online registration process was efficient.	0.0%	0	1.9%	5	5.8%	15	39.7%	102	52.5%	135	4.43	0.69	257
I was satisfied with the food and beverage provided at the conference.	4.3%	11	11.6%	30	12.0%	31	38.4%	99	33.7%	87	3.86	1.13	258
I was satisfied with the conference hotel option (e.g., cost, facilities, location).	0.8%	2	6.3%	15	7.6%	18	35.3%	84	50.0%	119	4.27	0.91	238
I was satisfied with the conference venue (Columbus Convention Center).	0.4%	1	0.8%	2	3.1%	8	32.4%	84	63.3%	164	4.58	0.63	259
Overall, the content of the technical program was satisfactory.	0.0%	0	1.6%	4	4.3%	11	50.0%	128	44.1%	113	4.37	0.64	256
For the financial investment I made to attend the conference, I am happy with what I gained.	0.0%	0	2.0%	5	9.9%	25	38.1%	96	50.0%	126	4.36	0.74	252
I plan to attend PEARC26.	1.2%	3	1.2%	3	14.8%	38	32.8%	84	50.0%	128	4.29	0.85	256

Table 6. Conference experience

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
The knowledge and skills I gained at PEARC25 will contribute to my work/research.	0.0%	0	1.6%	4	6.0%	15	43.3%	109	49.2%	124	4.40	0.67	252
My goals for attending the conference were achieved.	0.0%	0	1.2%	3	3.9%	10	41.6%	106	53.3%	136	4.47	0.63	255
The scheduled social and networking activities helped build camaraderie among attendees.	0.0%	0	0.8%	2	9.6%	24	41.8%	104	47.8%	119	4.37	0.69	249
The conference provides ample resources for those new to the community.	0.0%	0	0.9%	2	10.7%	24	37.3%	84	51.1%	115	4.39	0.71	225
I feel a sense of belonging in the PEARC community.	0.8%	2	1.6%	4	14.2%	36	33.5%	85	50.0%	127	4.30	0.83	254
I see myself reflected in the conference leadership, speakers, panelists, authors, etc.	0.4%	1	2.8%	7	16.4%	41	38.4%	96	42.0%	105	4.19	0.83	250
I am aware of the PEARC Conference's Code of Conduct.	0.8%	2	1.2%	3	3.5%	9	35.3%	90	59.2%	151	4.51	0.7	255
I am aware of how to report Code of Conduct violations.	1.2%	3	7.5%	19	15.0%	38	32.7%	83	43.7%	111	4.10	0.99	254
I plan to present at a PEARC conference in the future.	0.0%	0	3.2%	8	21.5%	54	39.4%	99	35.9%	90	4.08	0.83	251
I would like to be more involved in the conference.	0.0%	0	4.0%	10	42.0%	105	33.2%	83	20.8%	52	3.71	0.84	250
I would recommend this conference to my colleagues.	0.0%	0	0.8%	2	3.5%	9	32.2%	83	63.6%	164	4.59	0.6	258

SCHEDULING, OVERLAP AND SCHEDULE NAVIGATION. While most agree or strongly agree that the conference schedule offers sufficient time for breaks and informal meets and networking (92.2%, 238/258) and that the conference offers an adequate variety of sessions (93.7%, 237/253), many raise issues with the broader schedule. Many expressed that the technical-paper presentations were too short, making talks rushed, lacking in detail, and hindering engagement and dialogue. Others raised that overlapping sessions, particularly closely related topics (e.g., XDMOD and Open OnDemand), caused them to miss valuable, relevant content. Still others noted the need for more time between shorter sessions for location changes and a buffer for Q&A/technical issues.

Comments include:

 It seemed like many similar talks were scheduled concurrently making it impossible to go to more than one.

- *I would have liked to see a slightly more robust technical program with a sensitivity to overlapping times and sessions. I found that I was unable to attend all the sessions I wanted because of overlapping times and some of the more significant sessions had direct overlap (XDMod and OOD BoF overlap was unfortunate) while at the same time had significant downtimes between sessions around lunch and coffee breaks.*
- *I missed valuable sessions due to being unable to find their location and confusing them with other similar sessions happening at the same time.*
- *It was also hard to follow the schedule with the mixture of 15 and 25 minute presentations.*
- *Some coordination should be considered to keep similar topics from being covered in two different sessions at the same time.*
- *I also prefer conferences with standard presentation blocks so that you can easily hop between sessions to catch individual papers since each presentation has a standard start/stop time.*
- *All BOFs at the same time are hard to attend. Somehow split them up? I just did half times every session.*
- *Schedules are hard but the main feedback is full day workshops and half on same day hard to attend.*

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ISSUES. Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed they were satisfied with the food and beverages provided (72.1%, 186/258), but many noted issues related to poor quality food, insufficient variety (e.g., not enough healthy options), and a lack of specific options to accommodate common food allergies and dietary restrictions. Further, others raised that beverage options and quantities were inadequate (e.g., not enough water, coffee, or non-alcoholic options at social events). The single biggest complaint related to the conference's food offerings was the lack of breakfast, with respondents underscoring the lack of nearby options and high hotel prices. Issue with line management (i.e., single long lines) was noted as a hindrance to networking.

- *You gotta provide breakfast when there's a 9 AM start. This was a huge issue for many of us. I would even call it a fail. Breakfast was not included in the conference hotel rates. Hotel breakfast: \$38!!!! That's the cheapest I could find. Offsite breakfasts were too far to be practical. Starbucks isn't breakfast. Higher registration fees with breakfast provided would be better, etc. I felt the lunch was not very good, FWIW. Other reception foods were better. Also, what does the conference have against sugary drinks? Almost no sodas were provided. Yet caffeine was ample. At least some of us think caffeine is worse than sugar for the body and mind...*
- *I struggled to find food options at some meals as the food didn't list all the most common allergies, but I was always able to eat at least one side if not a main. I also don't drink caffeine, so I didn't have many options to drink during beverage and snack breaks*
- *I suggest breakfast be provided and mid-morning snacks be reduced to beverages only. Very difficult to go out and find breakfast and be back before 8am sessions.*
- *I was satisfied with the quality of the food, but not its variety. I found it somewhat lacking in fibrous, vegetable-heavy dishes and in my mind a salad simply isn't a sufficient or filling substitute for a healthy main dish.*

- ☛ *Only had coffee, tea and water for most meals. No soda? Really? Also somewhat upset of the poor nonalcoholic choices at related social events. If I've using a ticket, I'd expect equal cost as I paid the same fees as everyone else.*
- ☛ *The food was not great. Several times it was room temp. Often it was overcooked/dry. Needs more vegetables*

PLENARY SESSIONS. Quantitative and qualitative feedback indicated that plenary sessions continued to be a weaker point of the conference, with sessions being described as “not all that interesting” or “not relevant” to attendees’ work; all three plenary sessions were rated below 4.0/5.0 in terms of value.

For some, the opening plenary (Dr. Taylor) was too technical/specific (i.e., felt like a technical paper session), and the focus on LLM agents was criticized; the second plenary (Dr. Rosetti) was cited by some as too generic, a 'motivational speaker' session, or not relevant to the conference. Some respondents noted that the plenary speakers were not diverse (white or middle-aged), making talks less relatable to the broader attendee population. Others raised a preference for engaging forward-looking talks by veteran RCD leaders. Notably, students rated the plenary sessions much more favorably, rating all above 4.20 in terms of value.

Comments regarding plenary sessions include:

- ☛ *Plenary speakers were what everyone expected: white and middle-aged. This made these talks especially unrelatable to me. I know diversity is lacking in the tech community, and it's not PEARC's responsibility (or ability) to change this. However, steps in this direction would increase the relatability to an increasingly diverse workforce. Even a few non-student panelists under the age of 40 would be a big improvement, regardless of race, sex, and background.*
- ☛ *Sorry, but the first plenary did not nothing for me even though the topic was relevant to me. It seemed like a glorified session talk. The speaker was okay but not energetic, and obviously they weren't knowledgeable on every part of her team's work. More importantly, I tend to think the opening plenary should be strong and visionary in the field(s) and should spur connections to sessions and even icebreakers when meeting people, but I heard no bleed-over and found no way to weave it into my conversations with people. More people talked about the disconnected but positive resilience plenary on the 2nd day*
- ☛ *For a conference [whose] theme was collaboration, I found Dr. Taylor's presentation on her team's use of AI to be out of step with the person-focused mission (as I perceive it) of PEARC. In particular I found touting the energy savings of AI-written code to be in poor taste considering the immense resources AI companies pour into training and running their models as well as the public nuisance their (and other) data centers are becoming. I found Dr. Rosetti's talk to be rather generic "inspirational speaker" fare, but she did have a few pieces of advice at the very end of her session that I found genuinely useful and I appreciated that she created a very welcoming, accessible, and open space for participants during her plenary. I find this to be very in keeping with PEARC's ethos*

- *I feel as though the discussion with Rosemarie was valuable in terms of thinking about people that have disabilities and especially ones that may not show, I think the talk was drawn out for too long. The panel was extremely boring, and I left early because it was all talking points that I've heard time and again with nothing of value gained. I really would've thought that a group of leaders would've talked more direct on things to do other than generic stick together during hard times!*
- *While the work presented in the opening plenary was fascinating and informative, it did not meet the quality of a keynote presentation and should have been represented as a standard session. Other than the opening session I found the plenary talks very good.*

COST. Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed that for the financial investment made to attend, they were happy with what they had gained (88.1.6%, 222/252). Others, however, questioned the overall cost of attendance, notably the cost of registration and the conference hotel. Some comments include:

- *The conference hotel was too expensive relative to comparable options in the immediate vicinity. Our organization has undergone cuts due to US federal funding changes, so we will likely be unable to send representatives to PEARC26.*
- *... The fee of \$1350 was very high compared to most academic conferences...*
- *...the conference registration fee was rather high, and I am concerned that [it] excluded members of the RCD community, especially those from institutions that are under-resourced or experiencing funding challenges. Please consider ways to reduce participation costs in the future, even if that means fewer catered meals or more modest hotels/locations...*
- *I would have loved to attend more of the conference but was only able to be there for the workshop that my team was running. To do that, we all needed to register for the meeting, which seemed extremely costly for the time we had there. My preference WOULD be to enjoy more of the meeting! For those times when it is not possible, perhaps a different rate for workshop[s] only would be possible*
- *Hilton was too expensive and no breakfast included*

NETWORKING AND BREAKS. Networking with colleagues is a strength of the conference and was the top reason given for attending PEARC25 by nearly 81% of respondents. As noted above, over 92% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the schedule provided enough breaks for informal meetings and networking, and a significant majority found the formal networking opportunities valuable or very valuable (95.5%, 233/244); in particular, the networking event at the Columbus Center of Science and Industry was cited as valuable or very valuable by 83.4% (161/193) of respondents.

- *The opportunities for networking and collaborating are ample, and I always come back to work with new ideas and motivation.*
- *Continue having all of the space for people to meet and network. I really appreciated the round tables near the ballroom, that was super helpful for important discussions.*
- *This was a supportive conference, providing technical and leadership expertise with a wealth of collaboration opportunities.*

- ☛ *[Speaking to strengths of the PEARC conference] Being able to meet in person those who I had only interacted with online until that point, exposure to the broader community of resources and tools I had been using, that sessions catering to similar interests tended not to be scheduled at the same time.*

TECHNICAL PROGRAM AND CONTENT. Participants in the general conference assessment were asked to comment about the content balance, specifically, they were asked if they *would like to see more of the conference schedule devoted to panels, BOFs and/or workshops rather than technical paper sessions.* Respondents were largely neutral regarding the need for changes in the program balance, with far less than half (40.8%, 3.38) agreeing or strongly agreeing that the number of technical sessions should be reduced. Qualitative data underscores that the current mix of content and formats is sufficient and appropriate, with no need for a major change in the balance between technical and non-technical tracks. A substantial number of attendees view technical paper sessions as the core value of the conference and strongly opposed any proposal to reduce their time or volume to make space for other session types; in fact, some attendees want more technical sessions/papers and less time for other session types.

The suggestion of increasing the number of BOFs prompted some concerns about their structure and organization, with some feel BOFs lack clear direction or guidance, leading them to be scrambled, unfocused, or lean towards sales pitches or “gripe” sessions. Some comments include:

- ☛ *I think the mix of technical sessions and panels/bofs/workshops is great. I would be very disappointed if fewer technical presentations were offered as it is the one place I go each year to get great info on tools I can implement at my center. Plus, it's a great venue for us to share tools or processes we've developed with our colleagues.*
- ☛ *Technical papers are an important part of the conference and should not be reduced. If there is a desire from more panels, there seems to be time on the last day that is not well used.*
- ☛ *Please don't add more panels. And consider having more technical content on Thursday morning.*
- ☛ *I think the technical papers should remain the centerpiece of the conference. Related to that, I would support going to a greater degree of parallelism in talk tracks and having 20 minutes allocated for each talk, rather than the 15 minutes used this year. I know the conference has vacillated on this point, and I have never been pleased as a speaker or an audience member with 15 minute time limits.*
- ☛ *The technical paper sessions offer real value, especially the chance to engage authors directly and dive deeper through questions. Unfortunately, they were rushed this time, leaving no room for meaningful dialogue. While the sessions themselves are crucial, their hurried execution significantly undercut their potential.*
- ☛ *I would be happy to see more technical paper presentations as I believe it allows for a wider variety of talks compared with panels that may cover more general topics but fewer of them.*
- ☛ *The variety of technical sessions, tutorials, workshops, BoFs was great. Scope for improvement: Be clearer about what will be covered in each session, e.g., provide links to resources or handouts.*
- ☛ *I disagreed with the question about whether we should dedicate more time to panels, BoFs, workshops, etc. as opposed to technical sessions. I disagree, we have a very large number of such events, and I don't see a compelling reason to push out any more time from technical sessions.*

LOCATION AND VENUE. A significant majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed (95.7%, 248/259) that they were satisfied with the conference venue, but some raised concerns about it being too big for the conference's size, leading to programs (e.g., exhibits and technical and break areas) being spread across a large area. Other mention that PEARC hits a "sweet spot" among technical conferences, allowing for more effective networking and increased opportunities for meaningful collaboration, and do not want to conference to get too big or become another SC.

Respondents further report that AV support was insufficient and that power at session room tables is desired. Others note that there were few hotels, aside for the conference hotel, in the vicinity of the conference center. Comments include:

- *The PEARC conference is significant enough to be extremely relevant but small enough that I can connect with everyone.*
- *It's smaller and more intimate than SC, but it's getting big so this mileage may vary for others attending.*
- *The size is still at the level you are getting what you usually get when going to supercomputing conferences, [but] can talk to people, attend events, and network without feeling overwhelmed.*
- *It seems a convention center may be too big for a conference this size.*
- *Past events at hotels were definitely more conducive to networking and community engagement ...and somehow felt more 'intimate'.*
- *The event was spread across a large area and would have been better to have exhibit and technical programs closer.*
- *It is smaller than SC; I find SC to be overwhelming.*
- *It's smaller and more intimate than SC, but it's getting big so this mileage may vary for others attending.*

CONFERENCE APP, WEBSITE, SCHEDULE. Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the registration process was efficient (92.2%, 237/257), though some raised that it was too long or had too many questions/steps. Slightly fewer (91.6% 238/260) felt that the information on the conference website was adequate for planning their PEARC25 experience. Both measures showed improvement over past years.

Nonetheless, qualitative data revealed that some attendees found it difficult to navigate the schedule, especially for wayfinding and session time and location information. The mobile schedule was described as "almost impossible" to use, resulting in missed sessions. Respondents noted areas for improvement in the online registration process, as well as the conference websites and schedule:

- *While the website was informational, the app caused me confusion, and I missed valuable sessions due to being unable to find their location and confusing them with other similar sessions happening at the same time.*
- *Provide slide links in the presentations within conference app/website program schedule.*
- *The app was essential for planning my schedule during PEARC.*

- 🗨️ *I also found that the scheduling this year was awkward, I would attend a session only to learn that it overlapped 2 other events... I could have avoided this by making a broad schedule... but that was not easy to do via the app - it would have required making a grid by hand.*
- 🗨️ *Navigating the conference schedule was difficult. I am used to seeing conference sessions that clearly identify room/time info for sessions/tracks. The PEARC website & app required me to manually create that info myself based on per-paper info.*
- 🗨️ *Do more communication of day's key events within the conference app.*
- 🗨️ *Is it possible to have the schedule as a grid and a list next year?*
- 🗨️ *It was also hard to follow the schedule with the mixture of 15 and 25 minute presentations.*
- 🗨️ *The registration process is downright painful - there are too many steps, too many questions and every year I end up annoyed by the time I complete it.*
- 🗨️ *The registration had an incredibly long form, e.g. to select each individual tutorial/workshop even if it was previously indicated that you wouldn't be attending those.*
- 🗨️ *I've found the registration process to be quite long-winded - I've also found the registration for workshops ancillary. The numbers attending or where it states a workshop is full often do not reflect the reality.*

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE ENGAGEMENT. Respondents appreciated the new programming for first-time attendees (FTA), with a majority finding the activities valuable or extremely valuable (77.0%, 81/104) and noting that they had an extremely positive effect on their overall experience. Underscoring the value of the FTA program, a significant majority of attendees (**83.5%, 212/254**) reported feeling a strong sense of belonging within the PEARC community. The networking opportunities, including the small-group dinner, were cited as “outstanding”, especially for helping first-time attendees integrate into the conference community. Some requested more support for first-time attendees, suggesting that they may not have known about the FTA program.

- 🗨️ *I felt the first-time attendee activities was an excellent and very well done addition to the conference. I enjoyed getting the chance to interact with those folks and I when speaking to them about their experience, it had an extremely positive effect.*
- 🗨️ *Great people, the first-timer program was excellent this year, good location, Love the inclusion of tutorials and workshops in the main program!*
- 🗨️ *Keep the First Time Attendee sessions; and the Collaboration Hub was brilliant: it was great to be able come back to this space and to interact frequently with the vendors.*
- 🗨️ *Continue abstract sessions - this was a great way for a newbie to get a general overview of the community space and keep it early in the schedule.*
- 🗨️ *I felt pressured to participate in first time attendee activities and all the first time attendee stuff seemed way over the top. Need to be more low-key in the future.*

SUBMISSION AND REVIEW PROCESS. Respondents who submitted a paper to the conference were asked to rate their satisfaction with the process (Table 7). Significant majorities of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the submission process was efficient (88.3%, 76/86) and that submission deadlines were reasonable (96.6%, 84/87). Fewer felt the reviewer comments were fair and reasonable (89.5%, 77/86) or that reviewer comments helped improve the quality of their submission (83.1%, 69/83). Most felt that presenting at PEARC25 will enhance their career (88.2%, 75/85).

Table 7. Paper submission and review processes

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
The submission process was efficient.	1.2%	1	4.7%	4	5.8%	5	51.2%	44	37.2%	32	4.19	0.83	86
Submission deadlines were reasonable.	0.0%	0	1.1%	1	2.3%	2	57.5%	50	39.1%	34	4.34	0.58	87
Reviewer comments were fair and reasonable.	0.0%	0	5.8%	5	4.7%	4	55.8%	48	33.7%	29	4.17	0.77	86
Reviewer comments helped improve the quality of my final submission.	1.2%	1	2.4%	2	13.3%	11	48.2%	40	34.9%	29	4.13	0.82	83
Presenting at PEARC25 will enhance my career.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.8%	10	40.0%	34	48.2%	41	4.36	0.68	85

Qualitative comments suggest there is still some frustration with and opportunity for improvement to the submission and review processes:

- ☛ *The ACM submission process is a nightmare to navigate, especially for new contributors. Why are there so many different websites and steps? Why does the initial submission use a different template than the proceedings, making authors format everything twice? It's very frustrating!*
- ☛ *The submission process for technical papers is single-column for review, double-column for camera ready. This is very confusing. Additionally, many latex packages were not allowed in TAPS (e.g., minted). This would have been great to know before meticulously using them in the initial submission.*
- ☛ *Need to provide more details in the CFP for the various tracks so it is clear to the authors what is expected.*
- ☛ *Effective screening of reviewers and make sure only expert are allowed to review their peer publications not charlatans.*
- ☛ *I'm fairly certain that one of my reviews was LLM output.*
- ☛ *I think we just got a reviewer that didn't understand the content as other similar papers were accepted.*
- ☛ *Implement an onboarding call for reviewers to cover expectations. Implement a session on how to review academic papers offered each year for future reviewers.*

SAFETY AND CODE OF CONDUCT. While most respondents agree or strongly agree (94.5%, 241/255) they are aware of the PEARC Conference Code of Conduct, many fewer are aware of mechanisms by which violations may be reported (76.4%, 194/254).

- Provide more visibility on how to report Code of Conduct violations (e.g., signs in the hallways or session rooms).
- Please make sure that your committee members or staff recognize when people are not attending a conference and pose a security risk. I was approached by a non-attende, and he was asking me invasive questions. [Name redacted] assumed that I knew the man (I did not; he was not dressed for the conference, nor did he have a badge, and left me alone with him).

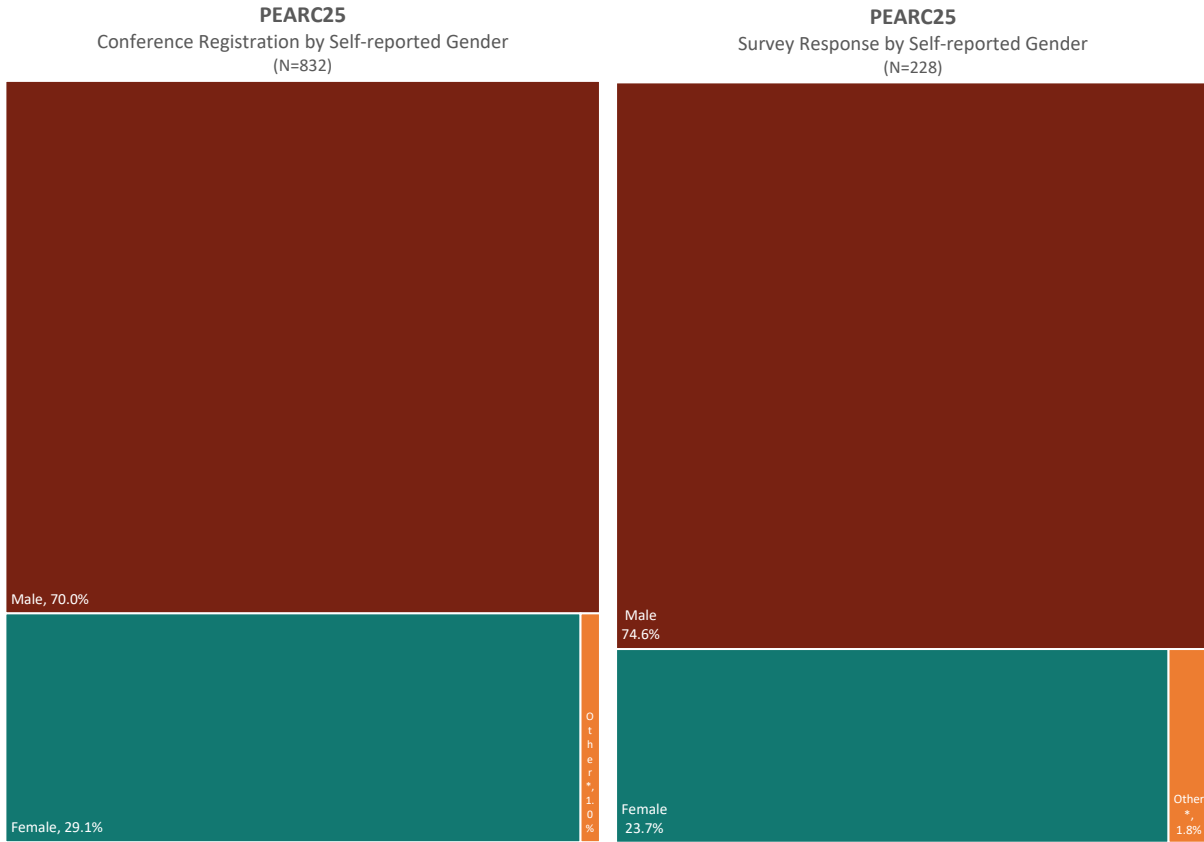
BROADENING PARTICIPATION. As seen in Figures 2 and 3, over 60% of conference attendees and survey respondents are white and over 70% are male.

Figure 2. PEARC25 self-reported race/ethnicity – registration vs survey response



* Includes American Indian/Alaska Native (Indigenous), Middle Eastern or North African, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, and those who self-identified as "Other."

Figure 3. PEARC25 self-reported gender – registration vs survey response



While gender and racial underrepresentation are well-known issues within the research computing and data community, PEARC organizers recognize that there are other groups who are often excluded from more fully participating. Conference attendees were asked how PEARC can prioritize efforts to support broadening participation and ensuring access, opportunity, and belonging for all attendees

The general sentiment among attendees is that broadening participation is a "core strength" of the PEARC conference series, with many noting that the event feels more welcoming and intentional about inclusion than other technical conferences. There is significant appreciation for existing initiatives such as the "Safe Room," the First-Time Attendee (FTA) program, and the Women in HPC (WHPC) events. However, attendees also feel that there is a pressing need to lower financial barriers through expanded travel grants—particularly for those from under-resourced institutions and international regions—and to address physical "friction points" like room crowding and inconsistent microphone usage. Furthermore, there is a growing call for the conference to evolve its design to better accommodate neurodiverse individuals and those with caregiving responsibilities (child/eldercare), ensuring that the "spirit of PEARC" remains alive for those who do not fit the traditional extroverted or well-funded attendee mold.

Comments include:

I think it was very accessible, the only other accessibility improvements would be to serve those who are deaf or hearing impaired. The captions were helpful in large talks but were limited if they were present at all in smaller talks.

* Includes non-cisgender, non-binary, and those who self-identified as "Other."

- *Building on the success of PEARC25 and the high percentage of first time attendees, one aim could be to make sure those first timers continue to come.*
- *This is the first conference where I saw efforts for disabled people to be included. It is so often that physical disability is accommodated to the edge of a public space, 1 table you can be at, or you can't access the stage. Seeing the efforts to make it more accessible is great and leaning into that more, perhaps encouraging sessions that talk about bringing that mentality home to your home institutions for attendees would be great for helping bring disabled workers and researchers into the field*
- *Offer trainee scholarships for travel and attendance to help increase the number of student attendees. (not sure if this is already in place)*
- *While presentation guidelines were offered, they were not uniformly used. I appreciated PEARC's many efforts to make the conference material accessible but attendees presenting did not always make the same effort.*
- *It would be helpful to provide guidance to co-located events and receptions on accessibility. Our group had concerns with some of the venues/formats chosen.*
- *I can't think of a way to improve on these areas. I would suggest that not everyone can or wants to attend every year, and that should not necessarily be considered reduced participation. You're not going to get everyone to travel every year. Perhaps include a special online event for those who stayed home that year, to connect with the in-person conference? My immediate idea is maybe a journalist type person who gives a daily report on YouTube of the highlights of the conference that day.*
- *Many of the session rooms feel cramped and hard to move through, even as an able-bodied person. I understand this is likely to increase seating capacity (many rooms had people standing and seats were limited). Bigger rooms for sessions with more space between the seating and additional seating would be nice – it would reduce the number of people who have to stand in the back and make it easier to navigate through the rooms.*

DEPENDENT CARE. PEARC25 attendees were asked about their likelihood of using on-site assistance for childcare, eldercare, or assistance for those with disabilities and travel companions should it be available for PEARC26. Though a large majority of respondents indicated that they are extremely or somewhat unlikely (73.3%, 181/247) to utilize this service, dependent care is an avenue toward inclusion and diversity that should be considered. The number of respondents indicating that they would be extremely or somewhat likely to use such a resource (10.9%, 27/247) exemplifies an opportunity to address the needs of an underrepresented group in HPC.

- *While I don't need childcare or other such assistance, I fully support it being core to the conference and allowing more people to participate in fully. For me an important feature to facilitate attending conferences is having the convenient hotel allow dogs. Getting care for my dog to leave them is a significant challenge so having dog friendly hotels for the conference is important. Also, those hotels being convenient to the conference center is also key to allow enough time during at least the lunch break to return to the room for a potty break while still having time for food.*

- ☞ *Until taking the survey the idea of child/eldercare hadn't crossed my mind but that's an amazing idea. I have a disabled daughter myself, so travel isn't always an option for me. Support like this would be helpful to a lot of people that can't make it to the conference.*
- ☞ *It would make it much easier to attend PEARC26 if there is care for children. This is not something I expected to see in the previous question, but I will vouch for it if it's really on the table!*

Tutorials and Workshops

Tutorial and workshop attendees were largely satisfied with the content and delivery of the sessions. Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their tutorial/workshop experience was successful (90.4%, 293/324) and that their goals for attending the session were achieved (89.3%, 293/328) (Table 8). While the sessions were broadly seen as valuable and well-presented, some attendees raised challenges with a lack of AV support and power resources in the session rooms, presenter disorganization, and inconsistent Wi-Fi. Others noted that in some cases workshops lacked sufficient tutorial/background elements, leading to discussions being too specific and nuanced, excluding audience members without the required background. Scheduling is a perennial concern, with attendees noting difficulties with conflicting sessions, overlapping content, and full-day and half-day sessions on the same day making attendance at multiple sessions impossible.

Comments and satisfaction tables for individual sessions can be found in the Appendix at the end of this report. General comments include:

- ☞ *Round tables are good for small-group discussions and socializing, but terrible for workshops (not to mention hands-on tutorials). Classroom-style only, please!*
- ☞ *if there is a Slack channel created specifically for the workshop, it can be a great opportunity for people to do direct communication during or post the tutorials (can add more workload for organizers or people giving the tutorials so...).*
- ☞ *There was, seriously 4-8 tutorials that I wanted to attend.*
- ☞ *Maybe have tutorials on both Sunday and Monday. We're all here, we're all set up.*
- ☞ *I think tutorial and workshop leads need to be reminded---and yes, even workshops---that people will attend the session with some background but perhaps not the full background you require, so spending ~30 minutes up front to set the stage is, I believe, not only smart, but should be required.*
- ☞ *Workshops were a great way to have hands-on learning experiences and cooperate with other people.*
- ☞ *For workshops, having power on the tables would be great, the chairs next to the wall with power are always highly sought after.*
- ☞ *The tutorials were informative, the talks and BoFs covered many interesting topics, there were many opportunities to socialize, and the attendees and I have a lot in common.*
- ☞ *Please set up tutorial rooms as classrooms, not with rounds that make following the presentation very challenging.*

Table 8. Aggregate workshop/tutorial satisfaction

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	4.9%	16	5.8%	19	43.9%	144	45.4%	149	4.30	0.99	328
The session was well organized.	0.3%	1	2.8%	9	7.6%	25	37.6%	123	51.7%	169	4.38	0.95	327
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	3.1%	10	6.1%	20	37.9%	124	52.9%	173	4.41	0.77	327
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.3%	1	2.1%	7	5.5%	18	35.9%	117	56.1%	183	4.45	0.93	326
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.3%	1	1.9%	6	6.2%	20	35.7%	115	55.9%	180	4.45	0.93	322
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.3%	1	3.7%	12	14.6%	47	44.6%	144	36.8%	119	4.14	1.01	323
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.3%	1	5.5%	18	6.7%	22	46.6%	152	40.8%	133	4.22	0.98	326
The content was presented clearly.	0.3%	1	1.5%	5	5.9%	19	42.6%	138	49.7%	161	4.40	0.98	324
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.6%	2	1.6%	5	5.2%	16	41.1%	127	51.5%	159	4.41	1.83	309
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	1.6%	4	8.4%	21	11.6%	29	33.3%	83	45.0%	112	4.12	1.57	249
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	4.0%	12	14.0%	42	7.0%	21	29.3%	88	45.7%	137	3.99	1.09	300
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.6%	2	3.1%	10	10.5%	34	34.3%	111	51.5%	167	4.33	1.02	324
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.3%	1	4.6%	15	7.1%	23	34.5%	112	53.5%	174	4.36	1.09	325
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.6%	2	3.1%	10	5.9%	19	35.5%	115	54.9%	178	4.41	2.09	324

Student Program

The Student Program was very well-received by participants, with most components rated at or above 4.0 (on a 5.0 scale) in terms of satisfaction and/or value. Overall, students were more positive than general conference attendees and were highly positive about the networking, community building, and technical components of the program.

A significant majority of students agree or strongly agree that their goals for attending were accomplished (92.3%, 4.42/5.0), that activities were well organized (98%, 4.65), that the program was sufficiently integrated with the rest of the conference (92.3%, 4.46), and that they would recommend the conference to other students (92.3%, 4.75). Overall, students agree or strongly agree that their conference experience was successful (94.3%, 4.63).

Further, most students agree or strongly agree that the program met their expectations (89.6, 4.50) and express they would recommend that their peers participate (95.8%, 4.71) but, like the mentors, noted deficiencies in the matching process. Students agree or strongly agree that they were able to connect in a meaningful way with scientists and researchers (96.1%, 4.54), as well as other students (94.3%, 4.67).

Some Student Program participants report feeling as if their background and skills may not have been sufficient for fully participating in the conference, while some found that the conference seemed too short and that the schedule was too packed and rushed. Like general conference attendees, students found the logistics challenging, the schedule confusing, and the location expensive. The most notable deficits cited were the lightning talks, the job fair, and the *Supercomputing Enabling Science* workshop.

The general conference assessment raised concerns that Student Program information and schedule come out too late to secure adequate funding for bringing students to PEARC, though nearly 91% of student program participants report having received sufficient financial support to attend PEARC25.

Some student comments to consider:

- ☛ *My favorite parts were poster/paper sessions and hearing about people's research or projects. Also, I liked attending BOFs. I found the tutorial/workshops I picked were interesting and useful, but a little over my head.*
- ☛ *Everything was awesome, if there's one thing I want to say is would be regarding the job fair. I think there were no technical people there from whose experience we could learn or maybe build a connection which would lead to a referral. There were salespeople who had generic answer to apply over the portal. No hard feelings towards them but I was looking for something that could make me stand out in the application process.*
- ☛ *I think an optional grad school presentation would be nice for undergraduates who aren't familiar with grad school. It could include how to apply and the benefits of industry vs grad school. Some of the grad students in the program could talk about their experiences*
- ☛ *The one-on-one lunch session with plenary speakers gave us time to unwind and think like a non-tech non-HPC person. More session[s] around student program[sic] lead by students for students without organizers to have all questions about PEARC so they can be more open about the conference and [a] separate session for them to plan the conference and how to plan it would be helpful as some struggled on what to attend and how to reach out presenters for presentations*

- *Given how packed the schedule was, the only improvements or other activities I'd ask for is wishful at best: finding another way to get more students to talk with others outside their home institutions. This could be achieved through arbitrary numbering and shuffling the room during the team building exercise or some other intentional mini activity that splits people off from their cliques. One game might be for groups of 5 (or whatever divides the group evenly) or bigger to be formed out of the most institutionally and departmentally diverse groups, subject to final judge approval. This needs refinement, but the purpose is to force students to try to talk quickly with others outside their program an additional time.*
- *The Supercomputing Enabling Science was kind of interesting, but maybe intended for a higher background level of experience or more specific background than I have*
- *The tutorials and workshops I chose were a bit over my head as an undergrad, maybe PEARC could suggest some for students who aren't super decided about which workshops to attend. The voyager presentation was very boring. I think the slides had too much text on them and the projects weren't simplified to be understood*
- *I felt the lightning talk didn't add much value, as the listeners were mostly students waiting for their turn to talk. I feel that instead of having 30 students give a short talk about themselves, it would be better if they could talk about their projects or something else, they are passionate about.*

Table 9. Value of student program sessions

Activity	Not at all valuable (1)		Not very valuable (2)		Neutral value (3)		Valuable (4)		Extremely valuable (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
Pre-workshop Preparation Sessions	2.0%	1	2.0%	1	16.3%	8	34.7%	17	44.9%	22	4.18	0.92	49
Student Program Welcome & Orientation	0.0%	0	2.1%	1	10.4%	5	33.3%	16	54.2%	26	4.40	0.76	48
Workshop: Supercomputing Enabling Science (with SDSC Expanse, Voyager and PNRP)	6.4%	3	8.5%	4	27.7%	13	36.2%	17	21.3%	10	3.57	1.11	47
Team Building Activity	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	6.5%	3	30.4%	14	60.9%	28	4.50	0.71	46
Resume & Career Development Clinic	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.2%	4	24.5%	12	67.3%	33	4.59	0.64	49
Workshop: Supercomputing Made Simple: An Introduction to HPC with Anvil	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	21.7%	10	32.6%	15	43.5%	20	4.17	0.84	46
Workshop: Understanding the Review Process for a Successful Paper/Poster	2.1%	1	0.0%	0	12.8%	6	29.8%	14	55.3%	26	4.36	0.86	47
Workshop: How to Make the Most of PEARC	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	21.7%	10	26.1%	12	52.2%	24	4.30	0.8	46
Exec & Steering Committee Dinner	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	6.5%	3	28.3%	13	65.2%	30	4.59	0.61	46
Protégé-Mentor Program	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.2%	4	24.5%	12	67.3%	33	4.59	0.64	49
Protégé-Mentor Dinner	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	25.0%	12	70.8%	34	4.67	0.55	48
Student Volunteer Program Activities	4.0%	2	2.0%	1	8.0%	4	30.0%	15	56.0%	28	4.32	0.99	50
Student Lightning Talks	2.3%	1	9.1%	4	18.2%	8	31.8%	14	38.6%	17	3.95	1.07	44
Job Fair	2.1%	1	12.8%	6	23.4%	11	17.0%	8	44.7%	21	3.89	1.17	47
Poster and Visualization Showcase	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	6.7%	3	40.0%	18	51.1%	23	4.40	0.71	45
Tutorials and Workshops	0.0%	0	4.4%	2	11.1%	5	35.6%	16	48.9%	22	4.29	0.83	45
Technical Program (paper sessions, panels, BOFS, etc.)	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.4%	2	33.3%	15	62.2%	28	4.58	0.58	45
Tuesday, July 22 Plenary Session Valerie Taylor	0.0%	0	2.7%	1	10.8%	4	43.2%	16	43.2%	16	4.27	0.76	37

Activity	Not at all valuable (1)		Not very valuable (2)		Neutral value (3)		Valuable (4)		Extremely valuable (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
Wednesday, July 23 Plenary Session Rosemarie Rossetti	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	17.5%	7	42.5%	17	40.0%	16	4.22	0.72	40
Thursday, July 24 Plenary Session Banding Together in Challenging Times	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	6	40.0%	12	40.0%	12	4.20	0.75	30
Networking Social at COSI (Center of Science and Industry)	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.4%	1	28.6%	12	69.0%	29	4.67	0.52	42

Table 10. Student Program participants' overall satisfaction with conference program

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending the conference were achieved.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	5.8%	3	40.4%	21	51.9%	27	4.42	0.69	52
I am interested in doing research involving advanced computing resources.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	11.5%	6	23.1%	12	63.5%	33	4.48	0.77	52
My background knowledge and skills were a sufficient foundation for participation in the overall conference.	0.0%	0	9.6%	5	13.5%	7	25.0%	13	51.9%	27	4.19	1	52
The student activities I attended were well organized.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	0.0%	0	28.8%	15	69.2%	36	4.65	0.58	52
I enjoyed the format of the student program activities.	0.0%	0	3.8%	2	9.6%	5	32.7%	17	53.8%	28	4.37	0.81	52
The student program was sufficiently integrated with the rest of the PEARC25 conference.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	4	38.5%	20	53.8%	28	4.46	0.63	52
The lightning talk experience was valuable.	2.1%	1	10.4%	5	22.9%	11	27.1%	13	37.5%	18	3.88	1.09	48
The lightning talk venue was conducive to a successful experience.	2.0%	1	12.2%	6	20.4%	10	30.6%	15	34.7%	17	3.84	1.09	49
I connected meaningfully with scientists and researchers who use research computing systems in their work.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	1.9%	1	36.5%	19	59.6%	31	4.54	0.63	52
I connected meaningfully with other students at the conference.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.8%	3	21.2%	11	73.1%	38	4.67	0.58	52
I had sufficient financial support to attend PEARC25.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.6%	5	15.4%	8	75.0%	39	4.65	0.65	52
I would recommend this conference to other students.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	4	9.6%	5	82.7%	43	4.75	0.58	52
Overall, I would rate my experience as successful.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	3.8%	2	23.1%	12	71.2%	37	4.63	0.65	52

Table 11. Student satisfaction with student Mentor-Protégé program

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
The scope of the Protégé-Mentor program met my expectations.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.4%	5	29.2%	14	60.4%	29	4.50	0.68	48
My mentor was knowledgeable and could answer my questions.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	20.8%	10	75.0%	36	4.71	0.54	48
I had enough time to talk to my mentor during the conference.	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	4.2%	2	37.5%	18	54.2%	26	4.42	0.76	48
I have a plan for keeping in touch with my mentor after the conference.	2.1%	1	4.2%	2	4.2%	2	39.6%	19	50.0%	24	4.31	0.89	48
I would recommend the Protégé-Mentor program to my peers.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	20.8%	10	75.0%	36	4.71	0.54	48

Mentor-Protégé Program

Mentor feedback on the PEARC Protégé-Mentor Program is very positive (Table 12), with its value in networking and knowledge transfer to those just beginning their careers highlighted. Mentors applaud the program's intentional structure and the provision of meals as strengths. Mentors appreciate being paired with people who have diverse experiences, noting that it adds meaning to the conference for the mentors and the students, provides a clear roadmap for next steps, and exposes students to the richness and variety of the HPC community.

Most mentors agree or strongly agree that the Mentor-Protégé Program met their expectations (86.1%, 4.28), was well organized (88.9%, 4.31), and provided sufficient guidance to adequately prepare for the role (94.4%, 4.53). Most mentors agree or strongly agree that they engaged meaningfully with their protégé (82.9%, 4.34), though fewer report having sufficient opportunity to talk with their protégé (80.5%, 4.03). A significant number of mentors (80.5%, 4.14) expect to stay in touch with their protégé and cite the new year-long commitment as a positive, but some felt the materials provided are insufficient to sustain interactions for a full year. Nearly 92% (91.7%, 4.56) say they would recommend participation to colleagues.

The most common critique of the program was the matching process, with many suggesting that the process is ineffective in creating appropriate, meaningful pairings or in some cases was too opaque (e.g., some did not know why they were matched with a particular individual.) Some mentors report having little in common with their protégé and suggest the need to collect more information from all participants to create better pairings.

Mentors agree or strongly agree that protégé-mentor dinner was successful (82.3%, 4.26), and its structured nature helped smooth awkwardness. Logistical difficulties in meeting up, even at the dedicated dinner, were a common pain point among mentors. In addition, some mentors express concern that some protégés are not fully engaged, noting instances of unresponsiveness and "ghosting." Mentors suggest there is need for clearer expectations and guidelines around social interactions, especially when the mentor and protégé come from different cultural backgrounds, to help establish boundaries and norms upfront.

Mentor comments include:

- ☛ *It was a great experience overall. There was a good mix of mentors and mentees in terms of diversity of backgrounds. The recognition given to mentors and mentees through badges was well done. Things for improvement: Have more information from the mentees prior to the matching so that a better fit can be arranged. Have a more systematic way for mentors and mentees to connect during the dinner.*
- ☛ *My student did not go to dinner or reply to my messages. Maybe it was anxiety or another issue; maybe some orientation about anxiety and how to cope with it could help.*
- ☛ *The intentional structure of the program and the ahead-of-time communication and recommendations helps guide the interactions between the mentor and student. The program has gotten better every year I've participated in it.*
- ☛ *The matching seemed opaque and suddenly I received an email with my match. It would have been very helpful to get a photo of my mentee, so I knew who to look for at the dinner. I think meeting every day of the conference is a bit much to ask. Unfortunately, my mentee was not very responsive or engaged.*
- ☛ *I don't think protege matching was very effective in my case. My protege's career interests and my experience did not have much of an overlap. I am also not sure what guidance my protege got before the conference. I found their communication to be quite lacking. The protege-mentor dinner was a very useful event. But I would recommend that for future events organizers arrange a protege-mentor session on day zero, to ensure that all proteges and mentors are on the same page about the goals and expectations of the program.*

Table 12. Mentor satisfaction with student mentor program

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n			
The scope of the Protégé-Mentor Program met my expectations.	2.8%	1	2.8%	1	8.3%	3	36.1%	13	50.0%	18	4.28	0.93	36
The Protégé-Mentor Program worked well.	2.8%	1	2.8%	1	5.6%	2	38.9%	14	50.0%	18	4.31	0.91	36
I was satisfied with the protégé/mentor matching process.	0.0%	0	11.1%	4	16.7%	6	16.7%	6	55.6%	20	4.17	1.07	36
The Protégé-Mentor dinner was successful.	2.9%	1	2.9%	1	11.8%	4	29.4%	10	52.9%	18	4.26	0.98	34
I had sufficient opportunities to talk to my protégé during the conference.	5.6%	2	2.8%	1	11.1%	4	44.4%	16	36.1%	13	4.03	1.04	36
I engaged meaningfully with my protégé.	2.9%	1	2.9%	1	11.4%	4	22.9%	8	60.0%	21	4.34	0.98	35
I plan on keeping in touch with my protégé after the conference.	5.6%	2	0.0%	0	13.9%	5	36.1%	13	44.4%	16	4.14	1.03	36

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
I was given sufficient guidance from the planning committee to adequately prepare for my mentor role at PEARC25.	0.0%	0	2.8%	1	2.8%	1	33.3%	12	61.1%	22	4.53	0.69	36
I would recommend that others participate in the Protégé-Mentor Program in future years.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.3%	3	27.8%	10	63.9%	23	4.56	0.64	36

Exhibitor Program

Exhibitor response continues to be very positive (Table 13). Nearly all exhibitor respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the program met their own expectations for participation (94.3%, 4.60) as well as their organization's expectations for participation (94.3%, 4.60). The Job Fair and Resume Clinic events fared less well, with only 48% (3.60) and 31.3% (3.44), respectively, viewing these activities as valuable or extremely valuable, though most express a desire for increased student interaction. Most exhibitors agree or strongly agree that they will plan to attend PEARC26 (92%, 4.55), and most respondents felt their organization's investment in PEARC25 was worthwhile (92.2%, 4.53).

While most agree or strongly agree that the conference attracts a significant number of their organization's target audiences (94.1%, 4/51) and that they engaged sufficiently with these populations (92.3%, 4.58), exhibitors are very focused on the quality and quantity of interactions with event attendees, with many expressing a desire for more attendees in their target audiences, specifically decision makers and technical experts (e.g., network engineers) who make purchasing decisions.

Exhibitors express a strong desire for clearer, earlier, and more organized communication regarding event setup, presenter requirements, and attendee information, with some noting that they struggle with too many emails from too many people and a lack of information on logistics for presenters. Further, exhibitors want to receive a list of attendees before the conference begins to help in coordinating customer meetings; some suggested that attendees be precluded from opting out of such a list.

Exhibitors were quite satisfied with the physical layout, traffic flow, and services within the exhibit area, though some did raise concerns about poor placement and periods when traffic was low (e.g., during plenaries.)

Exhibitor comments include:

- 🗨️ *Don't do exhibit hall during plenaries. A benefit of being an exhibitor is being able to attend plenaries, but we can't attend if we are staffing the booth. A different entrance for plenaries where you exit into exhibit hall. A lot of time to sit when there's no traffic. Love the Minneapolis choice. Was a lack of signage and support for exhibitor set up.*
- 🗨️ *PEARC25 has been a wonderful conference for our organization. We greatly appreciate the food and beverages provided inside the exhibitor area, as it definitely drew attendees to the exhibit hall floor. We would love to see this similar setup continue in future conferences.*
- 🗨️ *Simpler website instructions, too many emails from too many people during organizing.*
- 🗨️ *We could not find the exhibit hours which made it difficult to plan booth staffing.*

Table 13. Exhibitor satisfaction with the conference experience

Statement	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count			
My expectations for exhibiting at PEARC25 were met.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	3.8%	2	26.4%	14	67.9%	36	4.60	0.65	53
My organization's expectations for exhibiting at PEARC25 were met.	0.0%	0	3.8%	2	3.8%	2	24.5%	13	67.9%	36	4.57	0.74	53
The information on the conference website was sufficient for planning your presence at PEARC25.	0.0%	0	2.0%	1	6.0%	3	46.0%	23	46.0%	23	4.36	0.69	50
My organization's investment in PEARC25 was worthwhile.	0.0%	0	3.9%	2	3.9%	2	27.5%	14	64.7%	33	4.53	0.75	51
The Job Fair was a valuable activity for my organization.	8.0%	2	4.0%	1	40.0%	10	16.0%	4	32.0%	8	3.60	1.2	25
The PEARC conference series attracts a significant number of attendees in my organization's target audience.	3.9%	2	0.0%	0	2.0%	1	29.4%	15	64.7%	33	4.51	0.87	51
Participation in the Student Program's Resume Clinic was valuable to my organization.	6.3%	1	0.0%	0	62.5%	10	6.3%	1	25.0%	4	3.44	1.06	16
I (or others representing my organization) engaged sufficiently with members of our target audience.	0.0%	0	3.8%	2	3.8%	2	23.1%	12	69.2%	36	4.58	0.74	52
The amenities offered at each exhibitor level (e.g., platinum, gold, silver) are appropriately aligned with the financial commitment.	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	13.0%	6	52.2%	24	32.6%	15	4.15	0.72	46
My organization is interested in exhibiting at PEARC26.	0.0%	0	2.0%	1	5.9%	3	27.5%	14	64.7%	33	4.55	0.69	51
My organization would be interested in increasing its support level for PEARC26.	0.0%	0	14.3%	6	66.7%	28	11.9%	5	7.1%	3	3.12	0.73	42

RECOMMENDATIONS

Participant feedback indicates that the PEARC25 conference was well received and attendees were highly satisfied with their experience, yet opportunities for general improvement were also identified. Major critiques focused on food offerings, scheduling, plenary programming, costs, workshop and tutorial structure, technical program content/balance, location and venue, conference app/schedule, newcomer engagement, and the submission and review processes.

In making the following recommendations, the external evaluators fully understand that not all recommendations are possible within budget, time, and staffing constraints, while others do not align with the conference's mission, scope, or goals. Nonetheless, we offer a comprehensive set of recommendations in keeping with best practices and to fully and accurately represent respondents' views shared in both quantitative and qualitative data. These data inform the following recommendations:

General Conference and Tutorials/Workshops

- **SCHEDULING, OVERLAP AND SESSION LENGTH.** Increase time between sessions to allow for movement, Q&A, and networking. There is strong support to return to a 30-minute presentation block. Align and sync the timing of all parallel sessions to prevent conflicts. Avoid scheduling related sessions concurrently (e.g., BoFs on the same tools; XDMOD and Open OnDemand). Consider providing repeat presentations of popular sessions to reduce scheduling conflicts.
- **FOOD AND BEVERAGE.** Considering reimplementing breakfast as part of conference package, even a light one, before the plenary or early morning sessions. Attempt to make hot water, tea, and coffee available all day, and ensure there are ample water stations. Offer non-alcoholic/zero-spirit options at social events and provide healthier snack options and better-quality vegetarian/vegan options.
- **PLENARY SESSIONS.** Consider making plenary sessions shorter and aim to select dynamic speakers with visionary, inspirational messaging and/or prescient technical topics that connect to the day's theme or program.
- **COST OF ATTENDANCE.** Continue to be mindful of the overall cost of attendance and where possible, explore the feasibility of offering cost-saving options for attendees, which might include offering budget-friendly/no-frills hotel options and/or hotels with "breakfast included"; hosting the conference in lower-cost regions of the country or outside of major metropolitan areas; offering one-day tutorial-only passes; making available a "no-meals-included" option for some attendees; or offering some form of financial relief (e.g., regional waivers, discounts, scholarships) for early career attendees and those from smaller/non-research institutions. Take care to highlight the value proposition and cost saving initiatives in all communication vehicles.
- **TUTORIAL AND WORKSHOP STRUCTURE.** Implement classroom-style seating for tutorial and workshops to better facilitate instruction and learning and strive to improve on-site AV support so that technical difficulties are resolved quickly. Add power to tables in the workshop and tutorial session rooms. Provide a dedicated preparation or "green" room for presenters to make last minute adjustments, which have the added benefit of better supporting students and early-career attendees who may be making their first presentation.
- **SESSION DELIVERY AND PLANNING.** Seek to offer more hands-on workshops and tutorials and enforce a more rigorous deadline for posting necessary materials. Offer prerequisites and/or categorize sessions as beginner/novice, intermediate, advanced, etc. to manage attendee expectations.

- **TECHNICAL CONTENT AND BALANCE.** Do not reduce technical paper sessions in favor of other content formats, but continue to monitor this idea in the future. There is not community support to move in this direction at the present.
- **LOCATIONS AND VENUE.** While some attendees felt the venue was too big for the conference size or expressed concern that the conference does not grow too large, it is not recommended that the conference return to a hotel setting. Given the conference’s diverse activities and space needs, it should continue to contract with larger convention and conference centers but take care to avoid splitting tracks across the larger venues to limit long walks (especially for those with special needs) and time loss.
- **CONFERENCE APP, WEBSITE, AND SCHEDULE NAVIGATION.** Consider a holistic review of online resources to enhance the conference experience, particularly in the areas of wayfinding, schedule creation, and session sorting. Resources should be capable of offering a grid/matrix view of the schedule to visualize overlaps, thus reducing missed sessions and allowing attendees to better plan their schedule. Consider offering a large-scale, printed schedule in grid/matrix format. Consider isolating talks into standard presentation blocks to simplify hopping between sessions. Provide links to workshop and tutorial slides within the conference app/website schedule to make access easy for attendees and to reduce the friction caused by overlapping sessions.
- **FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE PROGRAM.** Continue the First-Time Attendee (FTA) sessions, and ensure that it has adequate promotion in communications channels, especially those that target newcomers. Take care to adequately communicate that FTA activities, while highly encouraged, are optional.
- **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW PROCESSES.** To the extent that it falls within PEARC’s sphere of influence, PEARC should advocate for and actively support efforts to make the process of ACM TAPS submission easier and less cumbersome.
- **REVIEWER QUALITY CONTROLS.** Seek to implement an onboarding session for reviewers to cover expectations and improve the quality and efficacy of reviews, and ensure reviewers have the appropriate knowledge and background to provide credible, instructive reviews. Pair seasoned reviewers with novices and consider instituting a team of veteran or “chief reviewers” to ensure quality, resolve disagreements and discrepancies, and provide meaningful feedback to reviewers.
- **CODE OF CONDUCT.** Increase visibility of Code of Conduct reporting mechanisms by advertising them in plenaries or near the registration desk. Considering providing a dedicated contact card at registration with the Code of Conduct reporting steps.

Student Program

- Continue to offer structured networking activities that allow students to interact with peers, mentors, and researchers/scientist.
- Consider a virtual (or Day 0) pre-conference program to alleviate some of the schedule fatigue.
- Incorporate more breaks/downtime into the schedule; consider a later start on some days.
- If possible, announce the Student Program CFP earlier in the conference life cycle to enable more participation and to allow more time to secure funding.

Protégé-Mentor Program

- Encourage communication before the conference to initiate conversations about goal setting and expectations. Consider hosting a pre-conference virtual meet and-and-greet.
- Implement a pre-conference survey to collect more granular data points, such as expertise and interests from both mentors and protégés to facilitate the matching process.
- Provide mentors with photos, resumes, and a summary of *why* they were matched with their protégé (e.g., shared interest in systems engineering, career aspirations, etc.) to help initiate meaningful conversation.
- Establish a systematic seating or check-in process at the mentor-protégé dinner to ensure successful connection. Consider having assigned seats at the dinner and providing photos in advance to smooth the connection process.
- If the schedule allows, offer additional opportunities to meet during the conference (e.g., meeting for coffee during breaks, attending plenaries and social events together, etc.)
- Provide a curated set of resources, topic prompts, or suggested activities to help mentors and protégés sustain meaningful communication and engagement throughout the entire year. (e.g., quarterly check-in topics, resume/CV review guidance, interview prep)
- Expand the program's materials and guidelines to include a section on best practices for establishing communication boundaries and norms, navigating mentor/protégé social interactions, and being mindful of cultural differences. If appropriate, provide materials about social anxiety and coping strategies. Emphasize the value of time with mentors and the expectations for timely responses.

Exhibitor Program

- Clearly communicate the overall conference focus and the attendee demographics to manage exhibitor expectations and any misconceptions.
- Consider reintroducing a structured event, like a speed networking session, to facilitate direct connections between exhibitors and specific attendee groups.
- Actively drive more students to the exhibit hall. Consider a specific event (e.g., a scavenger hunt) with dedicated time for engaging exhibitors on the student program agenda.
- Consolidate communications to reduce the volume of emails exhibitors receive. Create a clear, comprehensive exhibitor manual to better prepare and organize attending staff.
- Provide early notice of special events (e.g., the evening social) to aid planning and scheduling conflicts with exhibitor events.
- Provide exhibitors with an attendee list in advance of the conference. Offer an incentive (e.g., T-shirt, water bottle, extra drink tickets, coffee card, etc.) to attendees who allow their contact information to be shared with exhibitors.
- Address concerns about low-traffic placement by improving wayfinding and mapping for attendees and ensuring better promotion of exhibitors in advance of the conference. Ensure adequate signage and support for exhibitor set up.
- Review the location of the Job Fair, as one exhibitor suggested separating it from the exhibit hall since hiring is typically not a function of the sales team staffing the exhibitor space.
- Avoid scheduling exhibit hall hours during plenary sessions so exhibitors are not forced to miss a key benefit of attending the conference.

- Explore a tiered sponsorship pricing structure that includes lower sponsorship pricing for smaller companies and non-profits.
- Continue to provide food and beverages inside the exhibitor area, as this was considered highly effective at drawing attendees to the exhibit hall floor.
- Proactively promote and clarify how exhibitors can take advantage of opportunities like giving a presentation or talk to further connect with attendees.

APPENDICES

PEARC25 General Conference Survey Results

Response rate: 35.5% (262/739)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding PEARC25?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
The information on the conference website was adequate for planning my PEARC25 experience.	0.4%	1	3.1%	8	5.0%	13	35.4%	92	56.2%	146	4.44	0.76	260
The conference schedule allowed sufficient time for breaks and informal meetings/networking.	0.8%	2	2.3%	6	4.7%	12	33.3%	86	58.9%	152	4.47	0.76	258
There was an adequate variety of sessions offered during the conference.	0.4%	1	0.8%	2	5.1%	13	42.7%	108	51.0%	129	4.43	0.67	253
I would like to see more of the conference schedule devoted to panels, BOFs, and/or workshops (rather than technical paper sessions).	1.6%	4	16.3%	42	41.2%	106	24.5%	63	16.3%	42	3.38	0.99	257
The conference was well advertised (e.g. website, social media, etc.).	0.0%	0	1.6%	4	15.0%	37	42.9%	106	40.5%	100	4.22	0.75	247
The online registration process was efficient.	0.0%	0	1.9%	5	5.8%	15	39.7%	102	52.5%	135	4.43	0.69	257
I was satisfied with the food and beverage provided at the conference.	4.3%	11	11.6%	30	12.0%	31	38.4%	99	33.7%	87	3.86	1.13	258
I was satisfied with the conference hotel option (e.g., cost, facilities, location).	0.8%	2	6.3%	15	7.6%	18	35.3%	84	50.0%	119	4.27	0.91	238
I was satisfied with the conference venue (Columbus Convention Center).	0.4%	1	0.8%	2	3.1%	8	32.4%	84	63.3%	164	4.58	0.63	259

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
Overall, the content of the technical program was satisfactory.	0.0%	0	1.6%	4	4.3%	11	50.0%	128	44.1%	113	4.37	0.64	256
For the financial investment I made to attend the conference, I am happy with what I gained.	0.0%	0	2.0%	5	9.9%	25	38.1%	96	50.0%	126	4.36	0.74	252
I plan to attend PEARC26.	1.2%	3	1.2%	3	14.8%	38	32.8%	84	50.0%	128	4.29	0.85	256

You indicated that you “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with at least one of the statements in the previous question. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to improve the PEARC conference experience.

- *I think the number of panels and BoFs was sufficient.*
- *The balance of BoFs panels etc was fine*
- *The event was spread across a large area, and would have been better to have exhibit and technical programs closer. It seems a convention center may be too big for a conference this size.*
- *Would like to double down on the statement about providing more time for BoFs, Workshops and Tutorials. There are always so many good sessions in those categories and very difficult to choose.*
- *I feel as though there wasn't enough water available in the exhibit hall and keynote stage area. The water stations were nice being outside of the workshop rooms.*
- *the app was essential for planning my schedule during PEARC. And my biggest complaint is that once again tea drinkers were discriminated against. There was no black tea at all. A Lipton tea bag costs nothing, and would have been plenty sufficient and much better than the tea that was there.*
- *Exhibits and break area should be located closer to the session rooms. It would be great to host the event in a larger hotel rather than a conference center. Past events at hotels were definitely more conducive to networking and community engagement ...and somehow felt more "intimate".*
- *You gotta provide breakfast when there's a 9 AM start. This was a huge issue for many of us. I would even call it a fail. Breakfast was not included in the conference hotel rates. Hotel breakfast: \$38!!!! That's the cheapest I could find. Offsite breakfasts were too far to be practical. Starbucks isn't breakfast. Higher registration fees with breakfast provided would be better, etc. I felt the lunch was not very good, FWIW. Other reception foods were better. Also, what does the conference have against sugary drinks? Almost no sodas were provided. Yet caffeine was ample. At least some of us think caffeine is worse than sugar for the body and mind. Nexus was Sunday. Don't do that. We're not highly compensated employees.*
- *I need you to get the student program out sooner so I can secure funding. It always comes out too late for me to bring students along.*
- *i didnt see any marketing about pearc*
- *I like the current mix of technical program vs BOFs/Panels I really enjoy hearing about people's work and what other organizations have been doing, and the technical program meets that need for me*
- *I struggled to find food options at some meals as the food didn't list all the most common allergies but I was always able to eat at least one side if not a main. I also don't drink caffeine so I didn't have many options to drink during beverage and snack breaks*

- *I believe that there weren't as many technical sessions or that the technical sessions didn't have time to give a more sufficient presentation. There were some fascinating topics that I would have liked to see more information on but couldn't get around to everyone quickly enough.*
- *My attendance at PEARC26 is simply a financial one. Given that my role encompasses both pedagogy, LMS management, and HPC, I need to alternate conference attendance.*
- *I like the balance of different types of sessions. Technical paper sessions are a great opportunity for CI professionals to publish their work. There were enough panels, BoFs that allowed more interactions.*
- *Quality was subpar. Snacks were too laden with sugar. Healthier alternatives would be preferred, and have them during the morning coffee*
- *For workshops, having power on the tables would be great, the chairs next to the wall with power are always highly sought after. I would have preferred less of the technical paper presentations to be overlapping with each other.*
- *The schedule is jam packed starting Sunday for many, from early morning into the evenings. This schedule provides no opportunity to enjoy the wonderful cities heavily promoted to bring guests to the conference. The beauty, cleanliness and quaintness of Columbus was a welcome surprise. Nice selection!*
- *I suggest breakfast be provided and mid-morning snacks be reduced to beverages only. Very difficult to go out and find breakfast and be back before 8am sessions. Also, conference hotel was much more expensive per night than other local hotels.*
- *This is a good conference, but I think it's worth attending once every 3 years or so.*
- *I felt that there were plenty of opportunities for workshops and panel discussions. I don't think you need to add more.*
- *I disagreed with the question about whether we should dedicate more time to panels, BoFs, workshops, etc as opposed to technical sessions. I disagree, we have a very large number of such events and I don't see a compelling reason to push out any more time from technical sessions.*
- *I think if there is a way you can help with an easy way for an attendee to schedule a meeting with an exhibitor*
- *For hotel bookings from the conference website, the option should have breakfast included else the participants will be forced to book directly.*
- *Halal food was horrendous, i would suggest not to offer such options.*
- *I was satisfied with the quality of the food, but not its variety. I found it somewhat lacking in fibrous, vegetable-heavy dishes and in my mind a salad simply isn't a sufficient or filling substitute for a healthy main dish.*
- *The variety of technical sessions, tutorials, workshops, BoFs was great. Scope for improvement: Be clearer about what will be covered in each session, e.g., provide links to resources or handouts.*
- *The conference hotel was too expensive relative to comparable options in the immediate vicinity. Our organization has undergone cuts due to US federal funding changes, so we will likely be unable to send representatives to PEARC26.*
- *It felt that a much larger percentage of sessions were 15-minute papers, rather than more in-depth sessions with panelists, or BOFs, or just deeper-dives in general. I was incredibly disappointed with the program as a whole. Also, there were closely-related BOFs running concurrently (e.g., XDMOD and Open OnDemand), which is baffling.*
- *The technical paper sessions offer real value, especially the chance to engage authors directly and dive deeper through questions. Unfortunately, they were rushed this time, leaving no room for meaningful dialogue. While the sessions themselves are crucial, their hurried execution significantly undercut their potential.*
- *I would be happy to see more technical paper presentations as I believe it allows for a wider variety of talks compared with panels that may cover more general topics but fewer of them.*
- *The balance between panels, BOFs, workshops, and technical paper sessions was fine.*
- *It would be great if the OSC tour signup showed up as a part of the registration so people can actually signup and be prepared for it. It almost feel like they don't want people to participate. The food was far from*

desirable. there were little to none accommodation for people with dietary restrictions. coffee is the worst conference coffee I've ever come across.

- I would have liked to see a slightly more robust technical program with a sensitivity to overlapping times and sessions. I found that I was unable to attend all the sessions I wanted because of overlapping times and some of the more significant sessions had direct overlap (XMod and OOD BoF overlap was unfortunate) while at the same time had significant downtimes between sessions around lunch and coffee breaks.*
- The registration process is downright painful - there are too many steps, too many questions and every year I end up annoyed by the time I complete it. I also found that the scheduling this year was awkward, I would attend a session only to learn that it overlapped 2 other events that I wanted to attend because of the timing of talks. I could have avoided this by making a broad schedule that showed me the concurrent talks for any given time block, but that was not easy to do via the app - it would have required making a grid by hand. Is it possible to have the schedule as a grid and a list next year?*
- I thought the balance of panels/BOFs/workshops and technical paper sessions was great. Conference food was not as good as in years past.*
- It was hard to follow the tracks. The schedule app could use some sorting options.*
- The program was too technical for me. I'm researcher- and data-facing, and I didn't see a lot of content that was interesting to me this year.*
- Navigating the conference schedule was difficult. I am used to seeing conference sessions that clearly identify room/time info for sessions/tracks. The PEARC website & app required me to manually create that info myself based on per-paper info. This made it hard to find technical paper presentations. I also prefer conferences with standard presentation blocks so that you can easily hop between sessions to catch individual papers since each presentation has a standard start/stop time.*
- The food for lunch was really really bad.*
- I think the technical papers should remain the centerpiece of the conference. Related to that, I would support going to a greater degree of parallelism in talk tracks and having 20 minutes allocated for each talk, rather than the 15 minutes used this year. I know the conference has vacillated on this point, and I have never been pleased as a speaker or an audience member with 15 minute time limits.*
- caffeinated tea would be really helpful to provide during tutorials/workshops for non-coffee drinkers*
- Only had coffee, tea and water for most meals. No soda? Really? Also somewhat upset of the poor non-alcoholic choices at related social events. If I've using a ticket, I'd expect equal cost as I paid the same fees as everyone else.*
- I loved the Hilton, but the room block was \$249+fees, and the government rate for Columbus is like \$130. This meant many, particularly from gov't or national labs, had to apply for exceptions or pay for some of conference out of pocket.*
- There were plenty of panels and BoFs. No need to reduce the technical paper sessions (which were great).*
- Difficulty eating some foods*
- - The Monday full-day/two-half-day tutorial sessions were adequate yet somewhat awkward (pupil to instructor ratio, classroom sizes.) - I have to avoid conference food in order to not feel ill, but that's probably a "me problem" given my constitution.*
- The short 15-minute sessions didn't leave much room for efficient planning.*
- Very few hotel options. The hosting city should help curate a list of hotels withing walking distance of the conference venue. Also Instead of providing a dense lunch, serve light lunch and reserve the lunch for dinner to sustained participation*
- Please don't add more panels. And consider having more technical content on Thursday morning.*
- The lunch meals were pretty good. The other refreshment options were terrible. Really gross. There could've been a nice breakfast at the closing plenary. The Hilton Hotel was very dated. The amenities were not very good. It felt like a Motel 6 with the Hilton name. The AV support was insufficient. I had technical problems in my presentation. The HDMI adapter provided didn't work. They also could not use my USB to put the slides on their computer.*

- *I thought the balance of workshops, BOFs, and technical papers was fine. On the technical papers, though, too many were scheduled - 9 minutes for a paper or new service / solution is not adequate for community engagement.*
- *The registration had an incredibly long form, e.g. to select each individual tutorial/workshop even if it was previously indicated that you wouldn't be attending those. I felt the scheduling of the talks could have been handled better. They were grouped by track more than they were grouped by content. I realize this is difficult, complex, and requires us (participants/presenters/authors) to provide accurate informations, but it seemed like many similar talks were scheduled concurrently making it impossible to go to more than one. I would prefer to have sessions have a consistent theme instead of by submission tract (I also realize this may be impractical and/or impossible)*
- *The food was not great. Several times it was room temp. Often it was overcooked/dry. Needs more vegetables.*
- *A few things. 1. I thought the technical content was lighter than in previous years. 2. This could be because there were 15 minute presentations. This is too short. There is not enough time to get the details out. The few 15 minute presentations I went to were too rushed. The only way to get details would be to speak to the presenter after. Please don't have 15 minute presentations next year. It was also hard to follow the schedule with the mixture of 15 and 25 minute presentations.*
- *The length of technical paper presentations (9m and 15m generally) seemed way too short. I wonder if the desire to be more inclusive (which I generally support) has made the acceptance of too many papers an issue? I'm not sure what the solution is, but there were certainly some topics that merited 30-45 minutes and that just wasn't an option given how much PEARC25 tried to fit in. It felt like there was just too much going on in each timeslot. I also realize that conference food is often a challenge, but it did seem particularly...not great. Break pastries and such, however, had a great selection and that was appreciated.*
- *The registration process was cumbersome with several pages of forms. The fee of \$1350 was very high compared to most academic conferences. While the website was informational, the app caused me confusion, and I missed valuable sessions due to being unable to find their location and confusing them with other similar sessions happening at the same time.*
- *It would've been nice to have basic breakfast options with morning coffee and lunch on Thursday.*
- *I thought there was a good mix of workshops and BOFs and papers, etc. The food was amazing. Thanks for shuttles to the outing. Schedules are hard the main feedback is full day workshops and half on same day hard to attend. All BOFs at the same time are hard to attend. Somehow split them up? I just did half times every session.*
- *I hit disagree on more BOFs. I think the BOFs were the right amount.*
- *Food. Please do not claim you are serving breakfast. You are not. Breakfast, at a minimum, is cereal. And that is poor. More expected are oatmeal, pancakes, waffles, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice. And at 10:30 am. Breakfast is from 4 to 7 am. So both the time is incorrect and the substance is incorrect. It is 2 hours from lunch, which makes no sense. It is a snack; nothing more, nothing less. It is OK not to provide breakfast. You might think I'm harping, but with all of the falsehoods, purposeful misdirections, lack of truth and honesty and straight-forwardness of our current federal administration, I'm really tired of the lying. It seems to be everywhere. If you are going to call what you have at 10:30 am "breakfast" then that single oatmeal cookie that I ate on Monday afternoon at 3:30 pm during break MUST be called "supper." Now how stupid is that? Tutorials and workshops. Much more of those. Much. I circled enough tutorials and workshops on Monday to have attended them for the entire 3.5 days. I understand the desire and need to get students and their research involved. But---and I am not sure on this---there were a lot of 9 minute, 10 minute, 15 minute talks. I don't really see what a student is learning by giving a 10-minute talk. You cannot hardly give background and the problem statement in that much time, so the value of this is questionable to me. But I am not as certain about the technical talks (because I did not attend any of them) as I am about "breakfast." Also, even if a session is "workshop," there should be a tutorial element to it to get people on the same page. I have put this in other feedback, but I went to a workshop on Monday. It had the chance to be very helpful to me. But people dived right into the details of their results. I had enough background to understand the basic ideas before I walked in. But the results were so specific and nuanced and NOT EXPLAINED, that I got very little out*

of it. If they would have spent the first 30 minutes giving (tailored) background---tailored in the sense of explaining/giving background on what they were going to present---that session would have been phenomenal. But for me, it was pretty much a waste. There were 20-30 people in that room, but the entire conversation was among the moderator, the three presenters, and about two people in the audience. And I believe that means that there were many others, like me, who were left out. In a 3.5 hr workshop, spending 30 minutes to talk "simple" to the audience (like me) to get us all on the same page, would be a very good investment of time. In my opinion. I think BoFs are very often not good. A few are. But many lack so much structure as to be a waste because they are scrambled, not focused, no direction nor guidance. It sounds like I am being negative about PEARC. I really liked it. It was my first time. I thought it was really cool---because so much of the time was spent in talking about education and training, which is interesting to me and I don't know where else to get this stuff. But to me, there are things that could be "cleaned up" to make it even better. For example, to me, one action item is clear: It does not matter whether you are doing a tutorial or a workshop, you should figure out how to give interested people without the required background, sufficient background AS PART OF THE WORKSHOP so that the audience can benefit from the talks. "Cast a wide net." And don't get me started about breakfast :)

- I've found the registration process to be quite long-winded - I've also found the registration for workshops ancillary. The numbers attending or where it states a workshop is full often do not reflect the reality. Workshops that have been declared "full" often do not see such attendance on the day. Perhaps collecting interest in workshops vs. seat count would be a better means for gauging potential attendance, and not leave individuals believing that given workshops are no longer available to attend.
- I think the balance between technical presentations and other types of content was good.
- I think the mix of technical sessions and panels/bofs/workshops is great. I would be very disappointed if fewer technical presentations were offered as it is the one place I go each year to get great info on tools I can implement at my center. Plus it's a great venue for us to share tools or processes we've developed with our colleagues.
- Technical papers are an important part of the conference and should not be reduced. If there is a desire from more panels there seems to be time on the last day that is not well used.
- Hotdogs on Wednesday reception and Thursday only sweets breakfast. I try my best to refrain from that mentioned
- I strongly disagree that there should be fewer technical presentations. I find the technical papers and posters to be of great value in raising my awareness of new applications of new technologies and new techniques in solving existing problems. I also find them to be the most intellectually exciting and engaging part of the program and always look forward to reading the descriptions to see what would be interesting to attend, and often follow up with the presenters afterward. By contrast the BoFs can sometimes lean towards being sales pitches or cheerleading or gripe sessions and the panels can sometimes tend towards being dull reiterations of existing knowledge -- although they both still have value in pulling together the community for discussion, knowledge sharing, and camaraderie when done well. I also commented negatively on the food - - twice the vegetarian option ran out before I could get any -- although when I could get some it was very good. And I commented negatively on the conference hotel -- it was too expensive and I found a much better deal nearby, in fact at another Hilton property less than a half-mile away.
- It was difficult to determine which day the various sessions were being held when navigating the website. The app was much more functional for this, but some of us have fatigue of there needing to be a phone app for everything.
- Mentor/protege dinner didn't have a beverage. We shared one small bottle of water (no ice) among three. The dessert was Barbie doll sized. I was wondering what they charged for that! I think the convention centers are trying to make up for the covid years at our expense. But the food was excellent otherwise.
- The mobile website for the conference schedule (not the app) was almost impossible to use. It would be cool if the website had "Add to calendar" links for folks who don't want yet another app on their phone. Perhaps that's hard to do when planning for space allocations, but it would be nice. I like having plenty of papers. There is a good mix of content, IMO. It would be nice to have healthier food options at the breaks (nuts, fruit vs. cookies and muffins). It would be nice to have a selection of teas (including black tea) to drink. It

would be really great to have water stations and encourage folks to use their own water bottles vs. all the plastic. Scattering the posters around the room was disorienting to some (or so I heard). I'd recommend locating the poster stands a bit closer to one another.

- By the time I arrived at the reception, there was no food! I left early in order to get something to eat and thus wasn't able to enjoy the venue. I will assume in the future that the receptions at PEARC will not provide adequate food. Break food used a single (very, very long) line rather than a few stations. Lunch, on the other hand, was well managed and had adequate lines and food.
- I think that our community looks to this conference as a place to learn and share new approaches and solutions to RCD challenges that range from technical to workforce development and everything in between, which is done through papers and tutorials. On the other hand, other aspects of the program like panels and BoFs are great for connecting folks and stimulating timely discussions that our community faces, which I think is valuable. Having said all of that, I think the current distribution of the content is good but I would appreciate the committee exploring how to better optimize the schedule to avoid overlaps between BoFs and panels so that attendees can get the most out of a current offerings that are already provided but folks may miss out due to scheduling overlaps. With all that said, I believe that if we decrease/limit the number of papers presented, then it may have a negative impact on the technical program and the value the conference provides to the community.
- Recommended hotel was a bit expensive compared to other options nearby
- Would be nice to have at least 5 minutes of break between even the shorter sessions. This would allow for time to switch locations as well as provide a buffer for technical issues and extended questions. Would also be nice to have a selection of soft drinks, not just water, lemonade and iced tea
- I think the content (papers, BOFs, workshops and tutorials) were great. Most of the food at the conference was also good could have used a bit less dairy/cheese. Power was an issue but I think everyone was able to managed after the first day.
- Hilton is very expensive; there could be more small group gatherings that could help with networking.
- I know there is always a strong pressure to cut costs where possible, but considering how much the registration fee has gone up in recent years, having coffee as the only drink option is just really terrible. If you can't provide soda as in previous years, at least water or iced tea. There were maybe two breaks the entire week that had something provided that wasn't just coffee. Also, this may be out of your control, but I was disappointed to arrive at the COSI event at 7:30 only halfway through the event and see the food stations already being torn down an hour early. The lunches were fine, and the poster session food was nice, but overall it was just really disappointing in what was provided this year.
- I would have loved to attend more of the conference, but was only able to be there for the workshop that my team was running. To do that, we all needed to register for the meeting, which seemed extremely costly for the time we had there. My preference WOULD be to enjoy more of the meeting! For for those times when it is not possible, perhaps a different rate for workshop only would be possible

You indicated that you do not plan to attend PEARC26. Please share why you do not anticipate attending. Please select all that apply.

	%	Count
My institution has severely restricted funding for conference travel.	66.7%	4
PEARC has gotten too big and no longer suits my needs.	16.7%	1
The content offered is not relevant to me.	0.0%	0
The location of PEARC26 is not of interest to me.	33.3%	2
My career interest/focus is changing.	0.0%	0
I am planning to retire or change careers.	0.0%	0
I had a bad experience, and would like a member of the PEARC Executive Committee to contact me for more details.	0.0%	0
Other:	33.3%	2
Total	100%	6

Other:

- *The program is not compelling enough to attend every year.*
- *If we have funding, another representative from my institution will likely be attending.*

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your experience at PEARC25?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
The knowledge and skills I gained at PEARC25 will contribute to my work/research.	0.0%	0	1.6%	4	6.0%	15	43.3%	109	49.2%	124	4.40	0.67	252
My goals for attending the conference were achieved.	0.0%	0	1.2%	3	3.9%	10	41.6%	106	53.3%	136	4.47	0.63	255
The scheduled social and networking activities helped build camaraderie among attendees.	0.0%	0	0.8%	2	9.6%	24	41.8%	104	47.8%	119	4.37	0.69	249
The conference provides ample resources for those new to the community.	0.0%	0	0.9%	2	10.7%	24	37.3%	84	51.1%	115	4.39	0.71	225
I feel a sense of belonging in the PEARC community.	0.8%	2	1.6%	4	14.2%	36	33.5%	85	50.0%	127	4.30	0.83	254
I see myself reflected in the conference leadership, speakers, panelists, authors, etc.	0.4%	1	2.8%	7	16.4%	41	38.4%	96	42.0%	105	4.19	0.83	250
I am aware of the PEARC Conference's Code of Conduct.	0.8%	2	1.2%	3	3.5%	9	35.3%	90	59.2%	151	4.51	0.70	255
I am aware of how to report Code of Conduct violations.	1.2%	3	7.5%	19	15.0%	38	32.7%	83	43.7%	111	4.10	0.99	254
I plan to present at a PEARC conference in the future.	0.0%	0	3.2%	8	21.5%	54	39.4%	99	35.9%	90	4.08	0.83	251
I would like to be more involved in the conference.	0.0%	0	4.0%	10	42.0%	105	33.2%	83	20.8%	52	3.71	0.84	250
I would recommend this conference to my colleagues.	0.0%	0	0.8%	2	3.5%	9	32.2%	83	63.6%	164	4.59	0.60	258

You indicated that you “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with at least one of the statements in the previous question. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to improve the PEARC conference experience.

- *The sessions that were very short, made it challenging to move to next offering.*
- *I’m Asian and do not remember see a lot of Asian representation in conference leadership in all the years that I have attended PEARC.*
- *I have no idea how I report Code of Conduct violations to the PEARC board/committee members.*
- *A code of conduct is pretty standard these days, and conferences of all kinds have been full of bad behavior for decades, so having a code of conduct and putting it out there is just fine. But look. The safe room was too much. What on earth was that supposed to accomplish? Did anyone actually use it? I can not be the only one who thinks that it makes us look like we are unable to handle any kind of professional job, life, etc.. To the extent that providing that and staffing that is out to change the world for the better, it can only fail. It's as if there's no difference between our conference and the Ukraine frontline. I just find it morally appalling, really. I wish my side was more politically strategic than doing this kind of thing. So one strong vote against the safe room. Having people to contact if there's a problem, etc.- sure do that. I also disagree with the whole pronoun stating thing, but at least I didn't have to select for my name tag, so I thought that was handled ok. If people think it's good for them to broadcast their pronoun, they had that option. Ok. In practice, I never noticed what anyone's name tag said about that, just that at my workshop tables, no one had a pronoun indicated.*
- *Food at the social event at COSI was terrible.*
- *As an exhibitor, PNNL, that attends to meet students to both socialize the Lab as well as recruit students - this year's experience was dramatically different from previous PEARCs. Student engagement/attendance in the exhibition hall was dramatically lower, the student networking event was cancelled for this year, and there was no description/emphasis on the what the job fair participation was for. Numerous visitors to our booth inquired why we had that sign, and what it meant. This year PEARC felt like the involvement of those exhibitors that were looking to meet bright students for existing opportunities was an afterthought of the conference.*
- *I'm not aware of how to report Code of Conduct violations, which is due to my own ignorance. But, it could also mean that it would be good to advertise these in one of the plenary sessions at the beginning or might be good to have a poster on this that can be put in front of the registration desk for visibility.*
- *Truth be told, it had not occurred to me to look up how to report Code of Conduct violations. I am generally not predisposed to public speaking, and would prefer not to engage in it when possible.*
- *As a faculty, I was in a small minority at the conference. But that was a positive in that it gave me opportunity to interact with folks I usually do not see at our conferences.*
- *Few if any sessions provided concrete, relevant information to my work, which is almost unbelievable.*
- *I am not aware of how to report code of conduct violations off the top of my head, but I am sure I could easily find out should the need arise.*
- *I didn't know about the Code of Conduct - this was my first PEARC*
- *I don't know off the top of my head how to report Code of Conduct violations but I'm sure it's easy to find on the PEARC website.*
- *I don't write papers or create posters, thus all the paper presentations are a no go. That leaves some panels or maybe the SysPros session though both are unlikely for me to present in.*
- *PEARC scope/topic not relevant to many of my colleagues*
- *I am not aware of how to report Code of Conduct violations. I would like to see more information security professionals involved in planning talks and schedules and general administrative processes. An open Google doc containing names, emails and cell phone numbers of first time attendees is a huge privacy issue (and hence I did not sign up for a first time attendee dinner.)*
- *I am not ready to present a paper. I am new to RCD*

- *Sending an email highlighting 3-4 main bullet points (and a link or attached PDF for details) before the conference.*
- *Sense of belonging - As someone fairly new to HPC, it felt that many were operating and communicating on a higher level of knowledge and background. Some more organized event to orient newcomers would be good. For example, in the first time orientation, you could run through major technologies used in HPC and research computing, and provide a quick overview of vendors/exhibitors. Code of conduct reporting - Just not sure where to report. I assume I would need to talk with an organizer/help desk.*
- *I think sometimes the technical content that I can apply to my specific field is a little underrepresented. It might be something that I talk with my community about and consider whether there can be co-convened activities for a portion of the conference, or perhaps just a BoF in the future.*
- *Plenary speakers were what everyone expected: white and middle-aged. This made these talks especially unrelatable to me. I know diversity is lacking in the tech community, and it's not PEARC's responsibility (or ability) to change this. However, steps in this direction would increase the relatability to an increasingly diverse workforce. Even a few non-student panelists under the age of 40 would be a big improvement, regardless of race, sex, and background.*
- *Overall, this was a great conference! I have two suggestions to consider for the future. First, please consider intentionally broadening the focus beyond academia. There is a growing community of professionals doing RCD work in the federal government, and it would be wonderful if PEARC were deliberately inclusive of their voices and concerns, too. Second, the conference registration fee was rather high, and I am concerned that excluded members of the RCD community, especially those from institutions that are under-resourced or experiencing funding challenges. Please consider ways to reduce participation costs in the future, even if that means fewer catered meals or more modest hotels/locations. Thank you for an informative and engaging conference!*
- *I put all of my thinking in the previous box. Please see that one.*
- *I'm probably self-identifying here, but as an introvert with a severe hearing loss, it is difficult to feel a part of any large group, including the PEARC community. This is not a negative reflection on PEARC or any of its organizers at all.*
- *am not ready to present at conference yet*
- *As always, too many interesting sessions happening simultaneously.*
- *I don't know how to report violations*
- *I don't have time to be more involved in the conference.*
- *No idea that there was a code of conduct. Not that it was a problem. Just was unaware.*
- *I didn't have to report a code of conduct violation so I didn't look for a how-to. If I had needed to, I suspect I could've looked it up. However, the question asked if I knew how to. I didn't. So I answered 'disagree'.*
- *This information was probably shared, I just don't remember it.*
- *I'm swamped.*

Did you submit a proposal to participate in PEARC25?

	%	Count
Yes	33.7%	87
No	66.3%	171
Total	100%	258

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your proposal submission experience for PEARC25?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
The submission process was efficient.	1.2%	1	4.7%	4	5.8%	5	51.2%	44	37.2%	32	4.19	0.83	86
Submission deadlines were reasonable.	0.0%	0	1.1%	1	2.3%	2	57.5%	50	39.1%	34	4.34	0.58	87
Reviewer comments were fair and reasonable.	0.0%	0	5.8%	5	4.7%	4	55.8%	48	33.7%	29	4.17	0.77	86
Reviewer comments helped improve the quality of my final submission.	1.2%	1	2.4%	2	13.3%	11	48.2%	40	34.9%	29	4.13	0.82	83
Presenting at PEARC25 will enhance my career.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.8%	10	40.0%	34	48.2%	41	4.36	0.68	85

You indicated that you “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with at least one of the statements in the previous question. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to improve the PEARC conference experience.

- *slightly later due dates would have been helpful (better quality, more participation etc)*
- *Submitting to PEARC is becoming difficult as the review process doesn't seem to be managed, which I understand is hard with an all volunteer reviewer program. But it's frustrating when there is no check on reviewers giving wildly inconsistent scores, sometimes not aligning with their actual comments, and often granting themselves large scores for "confidence". This results in very inconsistent experiences during the review process. This is going to be an eternal struggle as we try to grow the conference and maintain competitiveness, "a PEARC paper is a real accomplishment". But we need to be mindful to balance the mainstay events (workshops, BoFs) with newcomers.*
- *The submission process had a lot of steps and getting the submission in the right format was a challenge. There was no single streamlined process for doing so, but I had to look at a maze of webpages to get the correct process.*

- *The submission process for technical papers is single-column for review, double-column for camera ready. This is very confusing. Additionally, many latex packages were not allowed in TAPS (e.g., minted). This would have been great to know before meticulously using them in the initial submission.*
- *I'm fairly certain that one of my reviews was LLM output*
- *Easy chair is clunky. Reviewer comments were fine but not insightful*
- *The ACM submission process is a nightmare to navigate, especially for new contributors. Why are there so many different websites and steps? Why does the initial submission use a different template than the proceedings, making authors format everything twice? It's very frustrating!*
- *I think we just got a reviewer that didn't understand the content as other similar papers were accepted. I think it would have been interesting to have sessions with similar topics so that listeners could compare and contrast*
- *Our short paper was criticized for not having enough detail, which seemed to miss the reality of the length constraint. It would be nice to see clearer guidelines and criteria for each type of paper, both for authors but as well for reviewers.*
- *We submitted a tutorial proposal that had very broad and positive informal support from the community and were from a highly respected program. Some of the reviewers did not seem to recognize our curriculum, and the comments reflected that they had not really recognized this program. The "strong disagree" on their remarks may seem unfair -- the comments weren't destructive or acting like that, they simply hadn't recognized what we had and the minor tweaks that our proposal could have benefitted from were fairly self-evident.*
- *The ACM template and the final submission process was very cumbersome and time-consuming.*

How valuable were each of the following conference sessions or activities to you?

	Not at all valuable (1)		Not very valuable (2)		Neutral value (3)		Valuable (4)		Extremely valuable (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
Tuesday, July 22: Plenary Session Valerie Taylor	2.4%	5	6.6%	14	16.5%	35	48.6%	103	25.9%	55	3.89	0.94	212
Wednesday, July 23: Plenary Session Rosemarie Rosetti	3.0%	6	6.4%	13	24.8%	50	37.6%	76	28.2%	57	3.82	1.01	202
Thursday, July 24: Plenary Session Banding Together in Challenging Times Fireside Chat	1.4%	2	7.6%	11	20.0%	29	43.4%	63	27.6%	40	3.88	0.94	145
Poster and Viz Reception	0.0%	0	1.9%	4	12.9%	27	53.6%	112	31.6%	66	4.15	0.71	209
Exhibitor Program	0.0%	0	3.0%	7	19.3%	45	50.2%	117	27.5%	64	4.02	0.77	233
Networking opportunities at conference	0.0%	0	0.8%	2	3.7%	9	33.2%	81	62.3%	152	4.57	0.61	244
Tuesday evening networking event (COSI Museum)	0.5%	1	3.6%	7	12.4%	24	40.9%	79	42.5%	82	4.21	0.83	193
First-time Attendee Program activities	1.0%	1	1.0%	1	20.2%	21	29.8%	31	48.1%	50	4.23	0.87	104

You indicated that you found at least one of the activities listed in the previous question to be “not very” or “not at all” valuable. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to address the deficiencies you experienced.

- *I didn't find any of the plenaries to be particularly compelling or inspirational.*
- *I feel as though the discussion with Rosemarie was valuable in terms of thinking about people that have disabilities and especially ones that may not show, I think the talk was drawn out for too long. The panel was extremely boring and I left early because it was all talking points that I've heard time and again with nothing of value gained. I really would've thought that a group of leaders would've talked more direct on things to do other than generic stick together during hard times!*
- *There was no technical content or relevance. It was just an inspirational keynote. I'm not interested in that.*
- *The first plenary was very technical and not relevant to my RC work. The second plenary was meant to be motivational and it did not speak to me.*
- *See previous comment.*
- *Sorry, but the first plenary did not do anything for me even though the topic was relevant to me. It seemed like a glorified session talk. The speaker was okay but not energetic, and obviously they weren't knowledgeable on every part of her team's work. More importantly, I tend to think the opening plenary should be strong and visionary in the field(s) and should spur connections to sessions and even icebreakers when meeting people, but I heard no bleed-over and found no way to weave it into my conversations with people. More people talked about the disconnected but positive resilience plenary on the 2nd day.*
- *I felt like there were few posters. I would have anticipated there being more than what was present. It didn't feel worthwhile to go since there weren't many to engage with.*
- *The plenary talks were OK, but the first one particularly was a struggle to stay engaged. The presenter was merely reading slides and the topic was not a particularly interesting or revolutionary research solution due to small scale of the study. I would much rather see engaging, upbeat plenary talks by veteran RCD leaders that discuss the excitement and opportunity of being RCD professionals. PEARC has struggled with getting valuable plenary talks for a while. Future conferences should leave the niche research, political commentary, and blanket motivational speakers out please. My staff and students that attended did not really identify with why these were chosen as the headlining talks.*
- *For a conference whose theme was collaboration, I found Dr. Taylor's presentation on her team's use of AI to be out of step with the person-focused mission (as I perceive it) of PEARC. In particular I found touting the energy savings of AI-written code to be in poor taste considering the immense resources AI companies pour into training and running their models as well as the public nuisance their (and other) data centers are becoming. I found Dr. Rosetti's talk to be rather generic "inspirational speaker" fare but she did have a few pieces of advice at the very end of her session that I found genuinely useful and I appreciated that she created a very welcoming, accessible, and open space for participants during her plenary. I find this to be very in keeping with PEARC's ethos.*
- *COSI was great but it didn't afford much one-on-one time to engage and network. This isn't bad because I loved COSI but for me, sitting at a baseball game next to the same people for a couple of hours gives more time to interact than browsing a museum. Don't get me wrong, I loved COSI but I also benefited from my natural inclination to engage people beforehand so running through the Star Wars exhibition was done with a colleague but I can imagine someone solo (pun, yes) wouldn't have found it a way to engage others.*
- *I did not like the way the poster session was set up. It felt disjointed.*
- *I felt that the first plenary (Dr. Valerie Taylor) was too specific to work being done and felt more like a technical session talk. It would have been more interesting to have the talk focus on some of the more broadly applicable elements of LLM usage in technical work. On the other hand, while it was inspiring, the second plenary (Dr. Rosemarie Rosetti) felt too generic. Though it was clear that some material had been adapted to challenges practitioners in the field, it felt a little too mix-and-match and, unfortunately, disingenuous as a result.*

- *Valerie Taylor's plenary talk was an interesting and good talk, but not very applicable to me. Other talks and a tutorial at PEARC'25 covered installing and running LLMs in a way that was closer to my situation.*
- *Very specific and not as generally useful.*
- *I could have done without that session - this was someone who while disabled is also extremely privileged and her responses to our questions did not resonate with me.*
- *I'm not a fan of the LLM discourse in RCD right now. The ethical considerations aren't taken into account enough.*
- *I felt pressured to participate in first time attendee activities and all the first time attendee stuff seemed way over the top. Need to be more low-key in the future.*
- *The Student sections were less valuable than the networking opportunities for me, so I focused on that instead.*
- *I feel like Dr. Rosetti's talk is a good lesson: to be resilient. I feel the adaption to include PEARC material fell short (e.g., "hey scientists, you can be resilient by moving to France!" [paraphrased]) and the talk itself wasn't as bold as I would hope a professional speaker's talk would be (i.e., being resilient is important, but it's a little cliché).*
- *- Star Wars is a huge turnoff. I am anti-mouse.*
- *I find the Plenary sessions of PEARC to be a continuous weak-point of the conference, consistent with previous years. In my opinion, they were not all that interesting, and not all that relevant to my work.*
- *I think me and my student were a little confused about what the FTL events were supposed to be, and we might have picked the wrong one since we didn't really get to engage with our person that much.*
- *Please align the talks at different sessions so that people can go to different sessions for talks of their preference.*
- *I am a long time attendee and volunteer at PEARC. The activities at this year's conference were overall excellent. I applaud the committees dedication to broadening the program. I would say however the Wednesday morning plenary, while an excellent speaker, felt more like a talk that should be at a different conference. I didn't feel their story applied to me as it had little to nothing to do with anything technical. I felt the first-time attendee activities was an excellent and very well done addition to the conference. I enjoyed getting the chance to interact with those folks and I when speaking to them about their experience, it had an extremely positive effect. Finally, the Exhibitor program this year was easily the best it has ever been. The amount of traffic and face time that the exhibitors got with participants definitely made their investment in our conference worth their while and I anticipate even a larger vendor presence next year.*
- *I'm not personally a fan of the exhibitor activities at PEARC, though I understand it likely does help with costs and sponsorship.*
- *While the work presented in the opening plenary was fascinating and informative, it did not meet the quality of a keynote presentation and should have been represented as a standard session. Other than the opening session I found the plenary talks very good.*
- *kind of an emotional topic I think*
- *Big congratulations on having Valerie Taylor on Tuesday. Very interesting. She and her team are impressive and so is PEARC for having gotten her.*
- *As noted before, the lack of food at COSI meant that I had to leave to get food elsewhere. You should have noted that food ended at 7:30ish so that those coming late could make alternate arrangements.*
- *I would have been more interested in Valerie Taylor's previous achievements rather than more LLM agents. I find motivational speakers irrelevant to me.*
- *I enjoyed Rosemarie's talk but found it not relevant to this conference or my research.*

Please check all of the following statements that apply to you.

	%	Count
This is my first time attending PEARC.	40.3%	96

I am a Campus Champion.	27.3%	65
I operate or support campus research computing resources.	69.3%	165
I operate or support federally-funded research computing resources. (Please specify the agency.)	37.4%	89
I operate or support research computing resources funded by some other organization. (Please specify the agency.)	16.0%	38
I am part of an advanced cyberinfrastructure organization or project. (Please specify the agency.)	29.8%	71
Total	100%	238

I operate or support federally-funded research computing resources. (Please specify the agency.)

- NSF
- NSF
- NRP
- Nsf
- NSF
- NOAA, USDA
- ACCESS
- NSF ACCESS
- NSF
- ACCESS
- NSF
- NIH, NSF
- OSPool
- Resources at the OLCF
- DOE
- PNNL
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- Digital Research Alliance of Canada
- Michigan State University has received several NSF cyberinfrastructure grants if that counts
- University of Arkansas
- NSF
- NSF, NIH, other
- NSF
- PNNL
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF MRI; NIH S10
- NSF,NIH
- Digital Research Alliance of Canada
- NSF
- NSF
- DoD/US Air Force
- USDA ARS
- USDA
- NSF
- NSF
- PSC
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- DOE
- NSF, USDA
- Jetstream
- NSF
- DoE
- NSF
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Nsf
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF, NIH
- TACC
- USDA Agricultural Research Service
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF, DOE
- NSF

- NSF
- NSF
- NSF, NIH
- NCAR
- NSF/ACES
- USDA-ARS
- TACC

- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- NSF
- OSDF

I operate or support research computing resources funded by some other organization. (Please specify the agency.)

- *Mixed: internal and some NASA money*
- *foundations, individual projects, campus*
- *ACSC TACC*
- *MEXT, Japan*
- *Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City*
- *DOD*
- *NSF*
- *Southern Africa government and regional projects*
- *foundations and private organizations*
- *Clemson University Research Computing and Data*
- *Iowa State University*
- *Internally Funded by HHMI*
- *European related to ESFRI*
- *U of Illinois*
- *Texas A&M University*
- *Texas Tech University IT Division*
- *SDSU*
- *Rosen Center for Advanced Computing*
- *NSF*
- *Industry partners*
- *UC Berkeley*
- *Ohio Supercomputer Center*
- *State of Ohio*
- *State of Ohio*
- *Texas A&M/System/State*
- *Our campus; multiple industry partners*
- *Ohio Supercomputer Center*
- *UT Austin*
- *State of Ohio*
- *Department of Energy*
- *OSDF*

I am part of an advanced cyberinfrastructure organization or project. (Please specify the agency.)

- *GPN / GP-ENGINE*
- *NSF & DOE both, different projects across different arms of either agency*
- *Globus*
- *NSF ACCESS*
- *NCSA*
- *Federal Reserve Bank*
- *NCSA*
- *NSF*
- *campus and NSF*
- *CloudBank*
- *Pelican Platform - NSF funded*
- *NSF*
- *NSF*
- *DOD*
- *ACCESS*
- *Purdue RCAC*
- *NSF*
- *NSF ACCESS*
- *Arkansas High Performance Computing Center*
- *HPC Ecosystems Project*
- *SCIPE CI-PP*
- *NSF*
- *ACCESS*
- *VIPRA/UWF*
- *NSF CSSI*
- *CARCC*
- *NCSA/UIUC*
- *NSF*
- *ACCESS*
- *ACCESS*
- *nsf*
- *ACCESS*
- *Being from Europe this may not be relevant*

- NCSA
- ACCESS
- Texas A&M University
- REPACSS, CASC, CC
- NSF
- Jetstream
- Rosen Center for Advanced Computing
- Corporate
- NSF
- NSF
- TACC
- NSF ACCESS
- ACCESS
- NSF ACCESS, NAIRR Pilot
- NSF
- Yale Center for Research Computing, MGHPC, various national project advisory committees
- NSF ACCESS
- Access
- NDP
- NSF
- NSF
- ACCESS
- ACCESS
- CARCC, SC�PE CI-PP
- NSF
- NRP

Did you stay at the conference hotel (Hilton Columbus Downtown)?

	%	Count
Yes	64.8%	166
No (If no, please tell us why you opted to stay elsewhere.)	35.2%	90
Total	100%	256

No (If no, please tell us why you opted to stay elsewhere.)

- I am local
- I only stay at Marriott properties
- cost
- My travel was coordinated by someone else
- registered too late
- Able to get cheaper lodging elsewhere as required for budget purposes.
- my admin made the reservation
- ACSC TACC had different hotel
- I live in Columbus
- Sonesta Columbus Downtown
- Hilton was too expensive and no breakfast included
- I'm a marriott person, so I waited until our PEARC obligation was filled and moved to a marriott property
- Cheaper hotel
- Stayed with family
- Hampton Inn
- Sonesta - do not recommend.
- late to make a reservation
- Hampton Inn
- Home
- found better option

- *Costs relative to GSA rates*
- *We stayed at the Graduate as it was (if I recall correctly) about \$100 cheaper and only a 10 min walk.*
- *wanted a different location*
- *Hampton Inn*
- *admin booked me at the Sonesta next door*
- *No space left*
- *I live in Columbus*
- *Cheaper, more room availability*
- *stayed at the Drury because coworker preferred it*
- *Too expensive*
- *1. Trying to reduce cost of attending, 2. Like to walk a bit on the way back and forth*
- *Found a nearby hotel that was less to save on cost.*
- *Hilton Graduate*
- *I did not book in time to get the conference rate so chose a nearby hotel (less than 10 minute walk) that was cheaper.*
- *Drury was cheaper*
- *Cheaper rate when booked via university travel*
- *Hilton Columbus Downtown too expensive*
- *Was the Drury next door, booked by my org so it was either cheaper or the Hilton block was already sold out.*
- *i found a much less expensive option nearby*
- *Price.*
- *Due to university contracts, staying at the AC Downtown was cheaper.*
- *not a Marriott chain*
- *Was also in town for another event.*
- *price was much higher than adjacent hotels*
- *Convenient and less expensive*
- *I reserved at a nearby hotel for a better room at a better room-rate*
- *I have a brand preference, and the cost at preferred brand was lower than the conference hotel. Location was similar to the Hilton, being attached to the conference center.*
- *Moxy*
- *Parking was above my org's limit*
- *The Hampton provided a better price point, and was right across the street.*
- *Price and University travel policies*
- *cost*
- *Hyatt Regency*
- *Hotel rates were too expensive.*
- *I am local so I commuted*
- *Hampton Inn*
- *The Drury offered lower rates and even a state employee rate, plus amenities like full breakfast, microwave, fridge, and coffee in room*
- *Resident of Columbus*
- *Hampton, part of student program*
- *The Graduate by Hilton was less than a half mile away, cheaper, in the middle of the arts district, and collegiate-themed.*
- *Local resident*
- *have lots of loyalty points elsewhere*
- *Did not fit work's travel approval timeline and limits*
- *Hyatt*
- *Reserved the other hotel (Hyatt)*

- *the conference hotels were too expensive. The nearby Hyatt hotel was 40% cheaper. I think this is simply the consequence that it was not selected as conference hotel.*
- *Cost*
- *I live in Columbus*
- *Cheaper option*
- *less expensive (Hampton Inn)*
- *Graduate by Hilton was cheaper*
- *Local attendee*
- *Very expensive*
- *Better price and better service elsewhere*
- *Red Roof Inn was cheaper*
- *Cost*

What were your primary reasons for attending the PEARC25 conference? Select up three (3) options.

	%	Count
Make a presentation	38.5%	99
Attend presentations	57.2%	147
Attend tutorials and/or workshops	61.1%	157
Network with colleagues	80.9%	208
Interact with funding agency representatives	7.8%	20
Attend exhibitor forums/interact with exhibitor representatives	8.9%	23
Get technical information/specifications	19.5%	50
Demo products/participate in an exhibit	2.7%	7
Other (please specify):	5.4%	14
Total	100%	257

Other (please specify):

- *hoping to find others that work with researchers directly in their labs, assisting on IT challenges.*
- *author*
- *Sat on a panel*
- *Meet and recruit students.*
- *My student presented*
- *get a sense of what the community is working on, developing and concerned about*
- *conference committee*
- *get a condensed view what's happening in this area in the US*
- *CARCC and Nexus Day*

- *Judge, review, plan for future publications*
- *showcase a visualization with my student*
- *Run BoF session.*
- *Student Program*
- *Lead a workshop*

What were the strengths of the PEARC25 conference?

- *Networking and career development opportunities*
- *Networking opportunities*
- *Very welcoming, collaborative and a wide range of topics.*
- *Great people, the first-timer program was excellent this year, good location, Love the inclusion of tutorials and workshops in the main program!*
- *Great sense of community and collaboration.*
- *Tutorials/workshops*
- *Large conference with lots of interesting people doing cool research.*
- *Having more security this year than previously.*
- *Networking*
- *meeting people*
- *Variety and number of sessions*
- *great location, great presentations this year*
- *Great community building event.*
- *It supports facilitators.*
- *networking, venue, food, accommodations*
- *Giving members of the HPC community the opportunity to share what they are doing with others in a way that promotes academic discourse and helps document the history of the HPC community*
- *PEARC25 provided a well-rounded agenda with various types of BoFs, panels, and sessions both technical and non-technical.*
- *I think the student program and the BOFs are some of the best of the conference*
- *I think there were great opportunities to network and a large variety of talks to always keep busy.*
- *Overall organization, COSi outing was fantastic!*
- *Diversity an accommodation especially in food options*
- *networking*
- *COMMUNITY without a doubt*
- *Networking opps*
- *The collaboration space worked out really well where people can sit down and have real conversations*
- *Networking and community ... as always*
- *Bringing the community together, especially for shared interests in "small" open source projects such as Spack, OpenOnDemand, and ColdFront.*
- *programming*
- *The diverse attendee population, networking and recruitment opportunities.*
- *Community Networking and access to the larger RCD community*
- *Networking, fewer vendors and more RCD folks (unlike SC), not too short and not too long.*
- *Variety of tracks was great, schedule offered a lot of time for networking and side meetings (a big part of why I attend, to meet with folks face-to-face), location/city was friendly and comfortable for outings. Great job, conference committee!!!*
- *multiple tracks and breaks for networking*
- *The new attendee events were incredibly helpful.*

- *This was a supportive conference, providing technical and leadership expertise with a wealth of collaboration opportunities.*
- *The PEARC conference is significant enough to be extremely relevant but small enough that I can connect with everyone.*
- *Great activities and networking opportunities*
- *Well balanced program.*
- *Collaboration, Approachability, and limited parallel sessions that allowed participants to focus easily.*
- *Smooth operations, good organization, balanced agenda, lots of networking space.*
- *Having the carcc event the very first day, having that opportunity to meet people and be in groups was so good for the start of the event. I felt accepted, listen to and collaborative.*
- *PEARC is a great opportunity to network with others in the field of advanced research computing. It is a welcoming conference. It is smaller than SC; I find SC to be overwhelming.*
- *I really appreciate the emphasis on the strength of the PEARC community and the call to come together in our currently fraught research environment. To me, PEARC is a conference about people and I like to see that put into action through the various accessibility efforts and the student program.*
- *The convention center is big enough to spread the programs into larger area.*
- *It's smaller and more intimate than SC, but it's getting big so this mileage may vary for others attending. I know and connect with the community. Less pomp and fewer vendor old boys clubs ... More genuine focus on community and welcoming newcomers. It's a more affordable conference to attend but I think more can be done to enable those from poorer regions to attend (e.g. let's do a few conference waivers for select regions to encourage more participation).*
- *Being able to meet in person those who I had only interacted with online until that point, exposure to the broader community of resources and tools I had been using, that sessions catering to similar interests tended not to be scheduled at the same time.*
- *The strengths of PEARC (in general, not just '25) include the community, foremost, and the variety of tracks/offers for the varying roles in our community. The opportunities for networking and collaborating are ample, and I always come back to work with new ideas and motivation.*
- *For me there are two things: 1. The community aspect is great at PEARC. 2. The technical program material is the most relevant to my job in comparison to other conferences.*
- *Breadth of topics. Variety of people from the practitioner side who I do not meet at our typical academic conferences.*
- *Content was extremely relevant.*
- *relevance of technical material, networking*
- *Tutorials and networking with colleagues*
- *Good community*
- *Networking with my colleagues in a safe, relaxed, professional, high-end venue; being able to interact with the vendors in such close proximity; and to share information via talks, presentations, and informal conversation.*
- *It was a big size with a lot of people from many different backgrounds. The group sessions helped me engage with other people who share my interests.*
- *Quality of papers has increased over years before. Conference space was easy to navigate.*
- *Organization and how well it went and flowed. Fantastic execution! It was also very well attended and had a lot people to network with. There were also some great sessions!*
- *PEARC has always been one of my favorite conferences. The size is still at the level you are getting what you usually get when going to supercomputing conferences, can talk to people, attend events, and network without feeling overwhelmed. PEARC25 specifically was at the level of what I get when I attend the ISC in Germany. Congratulations to Dana and Daphne for the great work and doing an excellent job. We should reward them.*
- *a lot of people gathered that were interested in HPC and willing to talk about it*

- *The conference felt very welcoming. I found the structure a nice balance between talks and times to rest/network. It feels much more people-first than other conferences.*
- *The biggest strength of the PEARC25 conference was ultimately the networking. Additionally, a secondary strength was the amount of exposure one would receive with all the different organizations being there.*
- *I found several really good networking opportunities and really liked the workforce development track, which is in line with my work duties.*
- *Community focused, some industry reps (right amount), breadth of topics, organization of sessions, excellent networking events.*
- *Speakers and attendees I interacted with.*
- *Bring together research computing practitioners and share best practises*
- *Communications and useful tutorials.*
- *It's a community of peers sharing similar pain, similar aspirations, and various possible solutions.*
- *Immense variety of people's backgrounds and experience, open community with relevance for NCSA.*
- *The community and networking*
- *The quality of the presenters and their content.*
- *Great atmosphere and many opportunities to have conversations with peers.*
- *The tutorials were informative, the talks and BoFs covered many interesting topics, there were many opportunities to socialize, and the attendees and I have a lot in common. I liked the idea of putting food/breaks, student talks, posters vendors, and plenaries in the same area. It made that area the obvious place to be when not attending talks or BoFs.*
- *Having a combined exhibitor, networking, poster session, and small presentation space, in the direct path to/from the plenary session was brilliant. This is the best layout we've ever had at PEARC. The only improvement would have been if that space was a little closer to the PODs where all the other sessions were held.*
- *It's people, this is a great community!*
- *collaboration*
- *Focused group of research support around HPC*
- *I thought that there was a lot of good workshops. Workshops created a place where we got to see demos from the community and I would certainly like to see more of those. I was less impressed with the keynotes and invited speakers they seemed not well aligned with the audience - even Valerie Taylor, who is great and brilliant, seemed to not quite align with the audience. There were also a lot of great talks and BoFs.*
- *Good location, lots of networking opportunities.*
- *Excellent location, good sessions and takeaways from those who are in the field.*
- *Opportunity to network with peers from similar institutions to discuss challenges and solutions. This extends to many of the programmed BoF sessions.*
- *A great balance of highly-relevant content and breadth across subjects relevant to academic research computing. I also thought the layout and design of the exhibitor hall was excellent.*
- *Not too big of a conference (not just a number), many common mind doing similar things made it easy to talk to folks. Tutorials, exhibitors.*
- *Good communication*
- *Comparing to the Supercomputing conference as my other point of reference. The people involved, networking, size works well - get to see the same people frequently. Feels like there's a lot more programming for the systems/facilitator roles. Lot more discussion and collaboration. Less of presentations functionally being thinly disguised marketing demos. Feels less corporate in general. Enjoyed the mentor/protege program.*
- *The excellent plenary talks. Whoever had the idea to invite Rosemarie Rossetti deserves a hero cookie and a huge thank you. What a perfect speaker and talk for the times we are in! I walked away from that talk rejuvenated and inspired. Valerie Taylor's talk was wonderful as well. A strength of PEARC has always been the sense of community and that was evident throughout the program, emphasized in Dana's remarks opening the official program on Tuesday. the venue was great, the social event tuesday night was fantastic.*

Alan Chalker as local emissary (or whatever his title was) was great. that is a precedent that should be followed. And PEARC remains the most diverse computer science / cyberinfrastructure conference I have ever attended. Hats off to everyone involved. This was a great conference and it was for me a wonderful experience. thank you.

- *The technical program is very strong. The attendance is in a pretty sweet spot where there are enough people but not so many that you don't get to see your peers.*
- *Diversity of Community*
- *I found many opportunities to get to meet and network with other RCD professionals, which is very enriching and valuable to me.*
- *affordable, small enough to not be overwhelming*
- *The quality of the program and attendees and its relative smallness.*
- *Putting together people across US sharing their problems and successes.*
- *networking opportunity, tutorials/workshops, BOFs*
- *The CaRCC community networking, and the Spack tutorial. Also networking with peers in my field.*
- *Inclusive, organizer's willingness to take feedback, organization overall, decent overall entry point for publications.*
- *The community. The talks seem incredibly relevant, and it seems the focus on devops+education+research makes this conference a much better community fit for something like me than, say, SC. It was also extremely well organized, even in comparison to PEARC24.*
- *strong community and community-building*
- *PEARC offers a unique atmosphere for those of us who support computational research at our institutions which allows for highly effective interactions where critical information is related.*
- *Diversity, Collaboration and Purposeful*
- *PEARC, compared to similar events (SC or APS March meeting) is much smaller and is the first conference I have attended where I have gotten expert-level feedback from session presenters about technical scaffolding questions.*
- *Excellent/useful tutorials, workshops, panels, BOFs, papers, and posters.*
- *Well put together conference with great balance between technical and social development opportunities.*
- *While growing, the conference feels very inviting. Everyone was open in connecting and interacting. While I know the conference will need to grow, hopefully it won't get too big like SC where it's too much in a short amount of time.*
- *Community and keeping that sense.*
- *Good layout - People were frequently crossing paths in the exhibit hall*
- *I was able to have conversations with people I hadn't met before, and it sounds like some new approaches to ongoing work may be possible.*
- *Topics!*
- *Great venue, strong technical program.*
- *Strengths: - Venue - Technical Program - Exhibitor program - First-time attendee program - Student Activities*
- *The workshop sessions on Monday, I attended the ai agents building workshop which was great, having little previous knowledge I was able to follow and learnt new skills and built confidence. And Chris Simmons one on LLMs was legendary, very informative, very useful, we should try to have more sessions like that*
- *Good size*
- *The mixture of attendees, both academic researchers and center support staff.*
- *The networking opportunities were outstanding, especially for new attendees. The small-group new attendee dinner was wonderful! The hands on sessions were applicable to my job (although wifi issues meant it was not always possible to participate).*
- *There were definitely options for everyone.*
- *Great venue and very good networking opportunities.*
- *The people*

- *Opportunities to see the breadth of HPC and HTC.*
- *excellent workshops and presentations, a lot of spaces to sit and chat with colleagues.*
- *Great large space to sit and talk and collaborate. Enough breaks. Great food. I liked the week long schedule, some conferences pack and cut short.*
- *The topics presented were very current, interesting, and reflected the theme of "The Power of Collaboration". The speakers at the plenary session were fantastic!*
- *Very well organized and well-run, lots of practical information, great networking / conversations with colleagues.*
- *Incredible student program, the perfect size for networking, a breadth of different topics to learn about*
- *A lot of my colleagues were bummed about Columbus as the host city, but they had a good time. The "ambassador" moments in the presentations helped sell the city, as well as the COSI event.*
- *all around conference, appropriately granular and practical, but still big enough to encourage and help one to take on challenges of the work we do*
- *To me, my major focus is (1) training (tutorials and workshops), (2) whatever is #2, it is down the line.*
- *Central location that was drivable (I avoid air travel) and a solid venue city with more dining and social options than anyone could wish for throughout the conference.*
- *It was very well organized, and the technical program was strong.*
- *Well organized, great networking opportunities, wonderful presentations*
- *Inclusive and supportive culture, networking, experience-sharing.*
- *good first time attendee support, very welcoming and friendly, variety of talks*
- *Smooth organization, good sessions, good venue.*
- *Diversity of programs, networking opportunities, presentations*
- *Good representation from many academic computing sites that are willing to collaborate openly.*
- *Networking, student program, workforce development.*
- *A wealth of HPC experts and other top professionals gathering in a single location*
- *I think a lot was done this year to more directly support first time attendees and early career individuals. These were important points for some from my own institution and I know made a difference for them.*
- *Practical content applicable to my day-to-day activities in supporting RCD for the scientific community.*
- *This is like my annual training in the RCD.*
- *Bringing together and emphasizing the power of community in a time when science is being devalued, disparaged, and defunded by the federal government helped affirm the value of persisting in supporting scientific research for the betterment of all humanity.*
- *Collaborating with peers in the community*
- *NIST 800 171 and ColdFront sessions and BOF as well as compute analytics.*
- *organization; variety in programming; excellent convention center*
- *networking - seeing people in person to discuss challenges, collaborations and ways forward.*
- *Brings the community together for interaction in a manageable size group -- e.g. you can actually find someone you're looking for. Fills a content niche.*
- *I would say the location played into one of the biggest strengths. The conference space was nice, the hotel was connected to the conference space, and there were plenty of dining options right out the door.*
- *I liked the all halal food. This time was more vendor list. Lots of talk*
- *Great community, nice venue, very well organized.*
- *As a researcher with no knowledge of supercomputing, I like the tutorial and workshops.*
- *Networking with colleagues*
- *The people are all so nice. The climate or culture is very laid back. It is a very diverse group. The culture is very inclusive!*
- *Excellent balance of content*
- *Clear schedule, plenty of discussion opportunities*
- *The people and their collective expertise*
- *Plenty of RC-related activities*

- Tutorial, workshop
- Community focussed unlike SC that is vendor focussed
- Good Keynotes, workshops and tutorials Vibrant community Great Location Well managed and attended by Academia and Industry
- The people and the ability to collaborate. Encourage and inspire others.
- Best PEARC yet! Great venue, schedule and fantastic student program.
- Great talks and workshops. Well paced with lots of good breaks for networking and caffeination.
- The community and the continued tradition of getting to see what everyone is doing and finding new ideas for working together.
- Networking with colleagues; Learning opportunities
- People

What suggestions do you have for how the PEARC Conference Series should evolve? For example: Are there new tracks or topics you'd like to see added? Which existing tracks should we continue offering? Are there any tracks or activities you think should be removed?

- The conference venue was too large for PEARC. The long walks from the A and B pods to the plenary session/lunch hall and the vendor exhibits ate up valuable time.
- The short sessions and navigating to all the offerings was challenging. Maybe have social options which were in a place that is less loud, bars are loud and hard to talk in.
- Total cost of attending the conference is an ongoing concern; continuing to hold the conference in lower price regions of the country should be a priority. My personal preference would be to reduce the number of tutorials/workshops and eliminate the Thursday ½ day as a means by which to reduce cost
- I'm not sure the individual-speaker Plenary sessions bring that much value to PEARC - most conversations I heard were around specific workshops/talks/networking related - making more room for general-community activity might be good? The final plenary panel, however, was great!
- If possible, more time to chat/network in-between sessions, especially as PEARC continues to grow.
- NA
- The first-time attendees activities were super helpful for finding familiar faces throughout the conference. I'm worried next year would be difficult without that opportunity.
- I think everything that was offered was great.
- More BOFs
- the keynotes were weak
- nothing to note this year
- Please set up tutorial rooms as classrooms, not with rounds that make following the presentation very challenging.
- No Sunday day time events/work.
- Please have the student programs ready by March.
- many presentations did use the microphone and the words in their slides were ver small. someone without a CS degree may not understand what theyre saying.
- I think the conference hit a good mix of topics this year. I really liked the museum component – it would be great to do a similar activity in future cities with other attendees!
- The workshop tracks had 15 minute sessions, which often felt like too little time for presentations, Q&A, and transition time. Improvements in time management or giving more flexibility would help with smoother transitions.
- More clarity on what are good sessions for beginners/intro because so many of our attendees are first timers
- I think I would hope for more workshops or more technical talks.
- Overall it was a good mix of topics & tracks.

- *not really ... just healthier snack options, adding some fare into the morning coffee, and better quality fare*
- *I don't know how to address this issue, but it's hectic and draining to jump from one room to another for different talks. Perhaps some different organization of the tracks?*
- *more technology*
- *As exhibitor participation grows find a way to make them more integral to the overall event space. Exhibitors were physically distant from the presentation spaces. This could have been due to the Columbus Convention Center layout.*
- *Education and Training RCD Community/Consortium information*
- *See previous comment. More focus on the student engagement and networking activities with those organizations that are present for that purpose.*
- *Find plenary speakers with topics that are visionary and can connect to the day's program. The committee should review past presentations from potential plenary speakers.*
- *Encourage more posters. I would like to see more topics related to the user-facing side of computing.*
- *Keep up the strength of the student program and first-time-attendee program (neither are relevant to me anymore but are really great at PEARC). Continue to attract the important industry sponsors to bring them together with the RCD community. Having the poster reception integrated with the exhibitor space worked really well. Be really careful about scheduling workshops or other events to not conflict with attendees likely to want to attend both.*
- *More software engineering topics and more fundamental teaching sessions (like what we did to students) for FTA and non-HPC attendees*
- *It's fine right now.*
- *I think it should continue to operate the way it is right now.*
- *More communication groups with people like Daphne*
- *It was frustrating to have to choose between multiple overlapping tutorials happening at the same time.*
- *The Workforce Training & Education track felt like it had a lot of submissions this year. I wonder if some of the topics under that umbrella could be broken into more narrowly defined tracks.*
- *Unfortunately, I experienced a sciatic spine pain and I could only attend the July 21 workshop. Since I wasn't able to walk, I looked for wheelchair where I could use for the rest of the conference. I couldn't find it.*
- *The global North finds it easy to pick from a catalogue of computing conferences. Unfortunately, regions like Africa aren't privileged with many options. Access to the bigger events like SC or PEARC is extremely difficult, due to cost and time investment... How about offering one or two regional conference waivers or discounts, or identifying people to partner with in those regions to help nominate candidates etc. It isn't a big deal to miss PEARC if you have ten others to choose from, and it probably doesn't matter to PEARC that the representation from e.g. Africa is low, but the flip side is massive. For regions to grow, they need to engage with the community and especially with experts in the community. Let's help to make that possible by offering some sort of alleviation to the financial side. \$500 is significantly lower WRT GDP in a global North community than it is in Africa, so that is probably the best way that I can illustrate the challenge with the cost. We don't expect anything for free (and lord knows anything for free will attract all the wrong people)but for those that really should be attending these things, we must find a way to make it less impossible for them to do so.*
- *I'm not quite sure what would be the best way to incorporate this, but perhaps for new attendees it might be good to provide an overview of what the RCD landscape as a whole looks like.*
- *I think the opportunity to schedule meetups is great. We did a regional meetup last year that was very successful. I think it'd be good to make it more clear how to do this (perhaps I didn't look hard enough).*
- *More demonstrations would make the program more dynamic and appealing.*
- *- a little more passing period time, I rarely sat in one room for more than 20 mins - big university presence, something to add for national labs? - we find great students for internships at PEARC*
- *More for the syspros track. I feel this track is a bit neglected compared to some of the others.*
- *Suggestion to have a more rigorous deadline for tutorial materials and have them posted before the tutorial starts.*

- *I wish there were some way to provide repeat presentations or spread out the sessions so that I didn't have to choose between 4 or 5 things at once. Keep the First Time Attendee sessions; and the Collaboration Hub was brilliant: it was great to be able come back to this space and to interact frequently with the vendors. Maybe play with the arrangement of that space a little, so that some vendors didn't feel like they were on the outside. Keep all the same tracks. Good categorizing so far. Maybe more cloud, yes? Or a regulated data track/working sessions? Thanks, nonetheless!*
- *Workshops were a great way to have hands-on learning experiences and cooperate with other people. I'd like to see more of that, and I'd also like to see more of what researchers are doing with supercomputing.*
- *Implement an onboarding call for reviewers to cover expectations. Implement a session on how to review academic papers offered each year for future reviewers. Implement an informational session on opportunities to volunteer to assist with PEARC.*
- *It would be awesome if there could be more in the systems track - more workshops, tutorials, and presentations from HPC system administrators for HPC system administrators. I know that the real trick to accomplish this would be to attract more HPC system administrators to come and present, so the real question is how. I am not sure how to be honest.*
- *I do not know if PEARC keeps track of the attendance of each session/track, I think that information could be useful in making some of these decisions after completing an analysis and surveys.*
- *maybe, more clarity in how the tracks work, since it seemed that jumping between rooms didn't work as well as staying for a full track*
- *it would be great if the timing for each parallel sessions are aligned*
- *N/a*
- *I don't have any feedback here but definitely utilize the workforce dev track*
- *Continue abstract sessions - this was a great way for a newbie to get a general overview of the community space and keep it early in the schedule. Continue to make the networking sessions easy to attend ie. co-located and/or shuttle services Food was great - would have liked breakfast before the plenary however, having it directly after worked well. As a person new to the community I don't have any suggestions on new tracks to add.*
- *Lots to choose from, will attempt to plan better next year.*
- *Try to reduce the cost of attendance*
- *The overlapping of the presentations could be a little bit inconvenient for me since I had to make some choices.*
- *I would suggest focusing more intently on sessions exploring how AI will impact research computing from the staff point of view. A transformation is looming, and information is scarce.*
- *To have specific workshops for Beginners*
- *I can't think of any*
- *Need to provide more details in the CFP for the various tracks so it is clear to the authors what is expected. Make the process of ACM TAPS submission easier. Provide slide links in the presentations within conference app/website program schedule. Do more communication of day's key events within the conference app.*
- *I think the tracks are good. I might suggest splitting workforce development and training topics. (I.e., separate training ourselves from training users.) Facilitating AI/ML might be a useful track in the future, or perhaps a general "researcher facing" track.*
- *System track. More on how to improve resource utilization.*
- *Balancing the sessions around affinities - XMod, ColdFront, OOD are all HPC support tools, don't put their sessions in conflict*
- *The very short talks often ran concurrently with longer talks so that I had to miss 2 shorter talks to attend the longer one. Perhaps separating out the full paper talks from the short paper or abstract only talks so that the schedule is synced up/aligned would lead to missing fewer talks.*
- *Shorter plenaries. I liked the topic discussions on the last day, perhaps that could take place earlier in the conference?*

- *Any opportunities to hear from those who have secured grants for their HPC environments is always welcome. Would love to see more folks showing off what they've done (like the Cold Front folks) to spark ideas.*
- *Direct outreach to data-facing, like libraries and research data management.*
- *More workshops and tutorials, those are the best!*
- *I know it's the hype right now, but I would love to see less AI talks. As a sysadmin I always like seeing more systems-focused talks, but I don't think it's lacking as is either.*
- *I think the tracks as they are are fine. I also think it is detrimental to change the tracks too often.*
- *I know AI is hot right now but it overshadowed every topic. It isn't something exactly to change as it happens at SC regularly where the new hotness is in everything. I don't know if that is a chicken or egg though. Are people including the new hotness because they expect to have to touch on it to be accepted for presentation so everyone has it or is the review process only accepting applications that include the new hotness.*
- *Might want to have some cheaper hotel options that are nearby*
- *I had to pick between many of the BOFs and panels that were scheduled at the same time. I'm not sure there is a good way to solve this issue, but it definitely was a drag to have to pick between the hour-long BoFs and 15 minute talks.*
- *Schedule of technical panels/papers/sessions seems too compressed with too many sessions given very small time slots, please use final day too. Workshops/tutorials had all the interesting ones I wanted Monday AM and nothing on Monday PM. exhibitor hall/main conference hall was just a tad too cold the whole time.*
- *It would be great to attract a Nobel laureate as a keynote speaker to help inspire the participants (especially the younger ones).*
- *For me the human oriented tracks were of very high value, but also tracks dealing with strategic positioning of the RCD within institutional ,national and federal landscapes. I would prefer more technology oriented plenaries, visibly going beyond the standard shot presentation in the regular program (the first plenary was lacking to some extent -- no wow moment that accompanied some of the PEARC plenaries in the past -- and the second fitted the theme of the conference but was not technical at all. The panel as the last plenary was interesting but it was not a plenary nor a technical discussion, too (I would appreciate similar panel next year, but not presented as a plenary).*
- *In-person attendance for the conference was good, but allowing Plenary sessions specifically to be recorded/virtually attended would be helpful*
- *I would like to see a cybersecurity track such that security related workshops and talks are spread as serially as possible so that more security professionals would be able to learn more about securing scientific computing resources. The first time attendee dinner seems ridiculous and must be removed. The final half-day seemed to not be very useful - make it more useful.*
- *The 15 min papers in various rooms was hard, but really enjoyed my time on Nexus Day and the BOFs*
- *Visualizations should be removed unless more people submit. In fact poster participants should be encouraged to bring supporting visualizations to bolster their project's message.*
- *I liked the tracks as-is. Systems software, applications, and education/development tracks were all great (I attended some events in each). The BOFs fell short. Some seemed like panels that invited unnecessary input from uninteresting but talkative audience members. Some seemed like lightning talks with a Q&A that allowed for comments (which could have just been a lightning talk session).*
- *Overlapping technical and BoF sessions were highly concentrated in the 2-3pm window each day, and little was scheduled for Thursday. A more even distribution would help with overlap. Definitely keep the workforce track.*
- *Plenary talk should continue, it inspire people the most.*
- *I would like to see an improvement in the quality of the plenary sessions. As for the presentations, my only issue was timing. It seemed like all the good things were at the same time, and I had trouble trying to attend all the sessions that I wanted to. The biggest offenders were the BOFs -- I wanted to see about 8 BOFs, but I could only attend 3 due to the overlap.*

- *good technical tracks, but more about the business and funding would be good. Also more exhibitors variety including live working hardware and software models that in-person interaction can be achieved.*
- *The tracks and topics are excellent and continuing to include and expand upon what PEARC already offers would be wonderful. It should always focus on the community in that way, which gives it a distinction from other RCD conferences. More time to dedicate to the workshop activities may be welcomed as well, but overall, it's always a good conference.*
- *There was a substantial overlap of talks that I would have been interested in. Tracks themselves were fine.*
- *Is it possible to ask whether exhibitors might be able to act as mentors in the student program? I've now had 2 years where my students want to move into industry and I don't know very much about that.*
- *Effectiff screening of reviewers and make sure only expert are allowed to review their peer publications not chalattans*
- *No suggestions.*
- *Thursday morning filler activities don't offer much value and don't incentivize attendees to stay. Perhaps schedule some of the 1/2 day workshops or tutorials on Thursday morning.*
- *It would be good if the plenary lectures get back to being more technical in nature. While I am not against having more non-technical discussions, it is starting to feel like a conference that focuses only on DEI rather than advances in CI and research computing. The Wednesday and Thursday plenaries were quite underwhelming.*
- *The last day of the conference we had a session where we discussed various topics in small groups. My group was AI ethics and it was a fantastic discussion, if we could have more like this, maybe vote on which topics everyone found popular and useful and have them as BoFs next year? And also repeat the small groups session, but earlier during the conference so more of us has a chance to attend*
- *I would like to see a science drivers track*
- *More proactive outreach to encourage attendance by those associated with DOE, NIH, NASA, and DOD.*
- *Go back to 30 minute presentations in blocks of three.*
- *- Check wifi in advance of sessions and try to find new rooms for longer hands-on activities if the wifi is slow.*
- More hands-on tutorials.
- *I feel like the workshops/tutorials might be thinned out and have some talks in the afternoon on the first day. I'd prefer not having a plenary on Wednesday morning and having more paper talks to maybe allow them to have a longer length.*
- *Some coordination should be considered to keep similar topics from being covered in two different sessions at the same time.*
- *I think overall it's pretty good, as a first time attendee I don't really have a lot of ideas for improvements. It was a great time!*
- *Splitting the tracks into two concurrent rooms was confusing.*
- *n/a*
- *I thought there was a good mix of workshops and BOFs and papers, Schedules are hard but the main feedback is full day workshops and half on same day hard to attend. All BOFs at the same time are hard to attend. Somehow split them up? I just did half-times every session and ran around.*
- *I think the tracks and topics were perfectly adequate. It would be interesting to see what happens between now and a couple of months leading to PEARC26, so we may need to add a new track if there is a development that would cause a huge impact on this community.*
- *I'll repeat my earlier comment: Overall, this was a great conference! I have two suggestions to consider for the future. First, please consider intentionally broadening the focus beyond academia. There is a growing community of professionals doing RCD work in the federal government, and it would be wonderful if PEARC were deliberately inclusive of their voices and concerns, too. Second, the conference registration fee was rather high, and I am concerned that excluded members of the RCD community, especially those from institutions that are under-resourced or experiencing funding challenges. Please consider ways to reduce participation costs in the future, even if that means fewer catered meals or more modest hotels/locations. Thank you for an informative and engaging conference!*

- *status quo is going well*
- *just keep the right mix of technical practical and research oriented topics that relate*
- *I addressed all of this in the first response box of this survey. I didn't realize there'd be a lot of these boxes.*
- *I believe it was PEARC24 that had a track that was something like "in the trenches" and I was looking forward to seeing that again. I think for technical staff it is extremely valuable to hear how others are handling large decisions that we're all facing and how they implemented changes. One example is nearly everyone having to move off CentOS7. Being able to hear the "war stories" gives others valuable insight but also it's a sort of therapy. I'd love to see a separate call for these types of presentations next year.*
- *There are a number of papers and presentations about program/service development, collaboration development, external comms, etc, that end up shoehorned into other tracks. Can we have a track for that, also to make sure that the people who do such work feel included? Does a track topic *have* to publish a certain number of papers to be considered a "track"? Why do we call it the *technical* program, when that can be othering/exclusionary for folks who are elsewhere repeatedly reminded that they are *non*-technical?*
- *some workshops or tutorials the last day might be nice instead of a half day, but it's probably hard to plan for that in case people are leaving earlier*
- *The systems track is clearly quite popular. A track focused on user support activities might attract interest from a significant number of support staff at many sites.*
- *Would love to see more hands on tutorial training. With pre-requisites broadcasted. For example I attended the Fabric workshop and all was good, but for the jetsream2 most people we're trying to apply to NSF ACCESS that is required for Jetstream2. A lot of time wasted as we ran out of time.*
- *I do not know of any track that should be removed. One note I'd give is that the systems track (even though it was not exclusive to systems) overlaps with the ACM SIGHPC Syspro's workshop. I value both and would not want to diminish either, but I do wonder about how they could build each other up.*
- *Consider changing format for workforce track. the presentations suggest the content is not really suited to "paper" format. An abstract submission that defines a 30-minute "mini-BoF" that emphasizes participatory discussion over talking *at* the attendees.*
- *NEW: Science gateways. Half-day, full day tutorial session on building and deploying LLM inference systems, building custom chatbots, etc.*
- *A lot of the presentations/workshops/etc. had "AI" tacked on in a very buzzword-y way, which would have been maybe okay if they had actual technical content on LLMs or such -- although if they all actually did that would have been way too much AI-focused content. It was hard to tell which ones had actual technical AI content and which were just using it to get people to attend.*
- *More NIST 800 171/53*
- *I'd like to see an RCD HR track and encourage HR professionals to specialize in RCD careers.*
- *Applications and Software were some of the sessions I mostly attended so I would say that is a good track to keep offering. I also really enjoyed the new attendee session as well as the new attendee dinner. That dinner was a really nice activity.*
- *There were a lot of tracks. But many of the track were at the same time. So I could only attend one. If we could break the the tutorial in 3 days it would be beneficial.*
- *Consider an RSE track where US-RSE folks could publish. Loved the shared interest tables Thursday AM, but it might have been more effective if there was a means of indicating interest in each topic so that the number was a little more modest (there were so many topics that it spread folks really thin). That might mean starting the whole process sooner, but that shouldn't be too hard (there are plenty of unconference guides on process). Consider a track that focuses on leadership and organizational successes (and failures/challenges). This is not quite the same as WFD. Such a track might also be a place for things like project management approaches, Communications strategies, etc. Perhaps just start with short papers? Perhaps send out a survey to see if folks would be interested enough to submit papers in this track. You could also consider CfPs from other conferences (like EDUCAUSE) to get ideas for such a track.*

- *I would suggest that PEARC could try to attract more researchers to expand its customer base and influence, like the provision of more tutorials/workshops.*
- *How about position papers on relevant areas within our broader RCD community?... This could potentially be presented in a form of a BOF or Panel...*
- *Current tracks are sensible and relevant.*
- *Can you record all workshops and tutorials in the future? My flight was cancelled so I missed all workshops and tutorials*
- *Strategic and budget planning*
- *Research computing administration/leadership*
- *More events that would enable collaborations and brainstorming.*
- *I would like to see some domain specific academic talks. It would be interesting to see examples of scientific results that get achieved thanks to products and services represented at PEARC.*
- *Stop letting the food and drink catering get a little bit shittier each year.*

What best describes your job title or academic status?

	%	Count
Executive leadership (e.g., VP, CIO, director, manager, etc.)	26.2%	65
University faculty or equivalent	8.5%	21
Research staff	10.9%	27
Research Computing and Data operations/support (non-executive leadership)	42.3%	105
Postdoctoral fellow	1.2%	3
Graduate student	1.2%	3
Undergraduate student	2.8%	7
High school student	0.0%	0
Corporate/Industry professional	2.4%	6
Prefer to self-describe:	4.4%	11
Total	100%	248

Prefer to self-describe:

- *Technical staff*
- *Research Software Engineer*
- *Regional project leader*
- *Staff*
- *HPC System Administrator*
- *Hybrid "executive leadership" and RC/ops staff*
- *Graduate Student (PhD. track) + Research Computing (40hr/wk)*

- *HPC Architect*
- *Consultant to Academia (not exactly Industry)*
- *CaRCC Event Manager*

Please describe your institution. Select all that apply.

	%	Count
EPSCoR institution	8.9%	22
Minority-serving institution	8.9%	22
Associate’s college (all degrees are at the associate’s level)	2.8%	7
Baccalaureate college/university	21.9%	54
Master’s college/university	23.9%	59
Doctorate-granting university	66.4%	164
Teaching-focused institution	19.4%	48
Research-focused institution	51.0%	126
Government lab (or other federally-funded research and development center)	9.3%	23
Non-profit organization (non-academic)	4.0%	10
Corporate or industrial organization	3.6%	9
Non-US institution	3.2%	8
Other (please describe):	2.0%	5
Total	100%	247

Other (please describe):

- *TACC program attendee*
- *Small Liberal Arts College*
- *Academic adjacent*
- *CaRCC*

With which race and/or ethnicity do you identify? Select all that apply.

	%	Count
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%	1
Asian	20.0%	49
Black or African American	4.5%	11
Hispanic or Latino	3.7%	9
Middle Eastern or North African	1.2%	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.4%	1
White	63.7%	156
Prefer to self-describe:	1.6%	4
Prefer not to disclose	10.2%	25
Total	100%	245

Prefer to self-describe:

- *African*
- *Caucasian. White is a color, not a race....*

What is your gender?

	%	Count
Male	69.1%	170
Female	22.0%	54
Prefer to self-describe:	1.6%	4
Prefer not to disclose	7.3%	18
Total	100%	246

Prefer to self-describe:

- *agender*
- *Non-binary woman*
- *non-binary*
- *nonbinary*

How likely are you to request assistance for childcare, eldercare, or assistance for those with disabilities and travel companions should it be available for PEARC26?

	%	Count
Extremely unlikely	59.9%	148
Somewhat unlikely	13.4%	33
Neither likely nor unlikely	15.8%	39
Somewhat likely	7.3%	18
Extremely likely	3.6%	9
Total	100%	247

Please share any suggestions on how the PEARC conference series can prioritize efforts to broaden participation and ensure access, opportunity, and belonging for all attendees.

- *Increase availability of travel funding for students and those from under-resourced institutions.*
- *How to prioritize? Have to drop something else to make room for it... Seriously, though, I think this is a big strength of PEARC - the conference actually changes with the community and committees seem truly invested in broadening/supporting.*
- *As I said on last question, FTA events were really helpful for getting to meet other attendees.*
- *Lower costs (primarily Hotel)*
- *i really enjoyed the facilitation/workforce development sessions.*
- *Many of the session rooms feel cramped and hard to move through, even as an able-bodied person. I understand this is likely to increase seating capacity (many rooms had people standing and seats were limited). Bigger rooms for sessions with more space between the seating and additional seating would be nice – it would reduce the number of people who have to stand in the back and make it easier to navigate through the rooms.*
- *It would be great to continue to see more funding opportunities to send people to PEARC26 as I know with even my own institution and current economic conditions budget for travel funding is tight. Without funding it is highly unlikely that I will be able to attend PEARC next year.*
- *This is the first conference where I saw efforts for disabled people to be included. It is so often that physical disability is accommodated to the edge of a public space, 1 table you can be at or you can't access the stage. Seeing the efforts to make it more accessible is great and leaning into that more, perhaps encouraging sessions that talk about bringing that mentality home to your home institutions for attendees would be great for helping bring disabled workers and researchers into the field*
- *I think it was very accessible, the only other accessibility improvements would be to serve those who are deaf or hearing impaired. The captions were helpful in large talks but were limited if they were present at all in smaller talks.*
- *Make sure hotel and venue are ADA compliant.*
- *Invite more participants outside of US*
- *This is one of the core strengths of PEARC compared to other conferences.*
- *perhaps make a virtual conference or stream sessions*

- Offer trainee scholarships for travel and attendance to help increase the number of student attendees. (not sure if this is already in place)
- Continue to demonstrate a welcoming environment.
- Probably some translation & international topic for international attendees. They come from a different background and may not very familiar with PEARC
- I think creating a section for mentorship where early career can listen to seasoned professionals like how I did during nexxus hosted by CarrCc. It was so helpful for me.
- While presentation guidelines were offered, they were not uniformly used. I appreciated PEARC's many efforts to make the conference material accessible but attendees presenting did not always make the same effort.
- I didn't see any swag or item that reminds the conference for later. I was expecting to see tshirts, hoodies, or backpack for sale with PEARC logo on them.
- Repeat of earlier comment, with some additional pointers: The global North finds it easy to pick from a catalogue of computing conferences. Unfortunately, regions like Africa aren't privileged with many options. Access to the bigger events like SC or PEARC is extremely difficult, due to cost and time investment... * How about offering one or two regional conference waivers or discounts, or identifying people to partner with in those regions to help nominate candidates etc. * NSF might not be able to directly fund external people, but indirect funding is possible with discounts or waivers. * If necessary, limit the pool by requiring those candidates to actively contribute (but please beware the tendency to tokenize the selection process: pick on merit, and if merit is lacking, don't award any support that year). It isn't a big deal to miss PEARC if you have ten others to choose from, and it probably doesn't matter to PEARC that the representation from e.g. Africa is low, but the flip side is massive. For regions to grow, they need to engage with the community and especially with experts in the community. Let's help to make that possible by offering some sort of alleviation to the financial side. \$500 is significantly lower WRT GDP in a global North community than it is in Africa, so that is probably the best way that I can illustrate the challenge with the cost. We don't expect anything for free (and lord knows anything for free will attract all the wrong people)but for those that really should be attending these things, we must find a way to make it less impossible for them to do so.
- I wasn't a speaker so I don't know whether you do this already, but if you could coach speakers on little things like getting close to the microphone, that might help some.
- Perhaps more marketing towards the C-suite, decision-makers, and budget holders at our institutions to ensure the value of the conference is clear.
- Great idea to hold in an area with large #s of non-R1s. Let's continue that for HBCUs, TCUs, MSIs, etc. Keep that up!!
- Support and host in states and cities that continue to support LGBTQ+ people.
- Reach out to Research offices at Universities & Companies that don't attend.
- I personally felt kind of a lack of belonging because I am very much an introvert and neurodiverse with ADHD, Depression, Slow Cognitive processing, with audio processing disorder (APD). I especially do NOT do well with crowds and with noise and with trying to converse or carry on conversations with noise. While networking events were great for regular people, I kind of dreaded going to them because of the APD and how noise just wears me out. I would rather have small, more intimate settings like the workshops and tutorials, though even these were too big for my taste. It kind of felt like there was no one else like me there that I could relate to. Also, when I make extreme efforts to reach out to others and strike up conversations, it very quickly becomes difficult, because of my slow cognitive processing, to keep up with everything the other people are talking about, so I just check out and stop listening. I'm not saying that it was all horrible - it wasn't. I enjoyed a variety of sessions and met a variety of amazing people. You have all done a fantastic job with this conference up to now. I guess that the whole idea of conferences are primarily geared towards extroverts in their nature, which makes it hard. You should get Susan Cain, author of "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" to be a plenary speaker. Her book is powerful. Okay, I'm done
- Building on the success of PEARC25 and the high percentage of first time attendees, one aim could be to make sure those first timers continue to come.
- no suggestion

- *It would be helpful to provide guidance to co-located events and receptions on accessibility. Our group had concerns with some of the venues/formats chosen.*
- *N/a*
- *I would like to see more female participation but this is a broader initiative for the full HPC community.*
- *WHPC Event was crowded! Bigger venue next time. Was well worth my time along with my colleague. We plan to do a booth next year.*
- *Try to to reduce any barrier to attend the conference.*
- *N/A.*
- *It would be appropriate to develop tracks that attract more strongly research scientists and staff, for a broader, more comprehensive view of the field.*
- *It would be helpful if the tutorials included a dedicated section with links to materials and any prerequisite instructions.*
- *Make the workshop according to level ie beginner, intermediate, expert.*
- *The network struggled to keep up with the demand of the conference. I was in a tutorial and could not download the necessary files to follow along with the instructor, which took away from the effectiveness of the tutorial. I would recommend that the network be sized to accommodate the needs of the conference, or the workshop and tutorial's network needs should be reduced to fit within the limitations of the network.*
- *The conference is doing a good job of this. They may want to have some audience specific programming. For example, if faculty is substantial in participants, maybe some sessions focused on their interests. Same thing with executive leadership - have a networking session where all the directors/VPs etc. attend.*
- *I can't think of a way to improve on these areas. I would suggest that not everyone can or wants to attend every year, and that should not necessarily be considered reduced participation. You're not going to get everyone to travel every year. Perhaps include a special online event for those who stayed home that year, to connect with the in-person conference? My immediate idea is maybe a journalist type person who gives a daily report on YouTube of the highlights of the conference that day.*
- *Continue to expand student participation program. Explore opportunities to fund the expenses for students who submit student lead papers that are accepted when they don't have other ways to pay for attendance. Might need to limit this to 1-2 students per paper.*
- *Until taking the survey the idea of child/eldercare hadn't crossed my mind but that's an amazing idea. I have a disabled daughter myself, so travel isn't always an option for me. Support like this would be helpful to a lot of people that can't make it to the conference.*
- *The funding climate is terrible right now. I know hybrid is expensive, but it's harder to get travel support. I will not be able to get central funding for travel in FY26.*
- *I appreciated the effort put in for helping orient first-time attendees, as well as the fact that family support options were available.*
- *I think you the conference is doing wonderfully well on all of these points!*
- *While I don't need childcare or other such assistance I fully support it being core to the conference and allowing more people to participate in fully. For me an important feature to facilitate attending conferences is having the convenient hotel allow dogs. Getting care for my dog to leave them is a significant challenge so having dog friendly hotels for the conference is important. Also those hotels being convenient to the conference center is also key to allow enough time during at least the lunch break to return to the room for a potty break while still having time for food.*
- *Increased awareness/publicity among university leadership. My leadership would not pay for me to attend. I funded my attendance myself.*
- *not sure, this year was surprisingly good*
- *A cybersecurity track and advertising to security professionals would be a good idea.*
- *More 2 hour long workshops, Spack took all my time, but I could have seen it broken into 2 sections, and I would have only done the morning half.*
- *It would make it much easier to attend PEARC26 if there is care for children. This is not something I expected to see in the previous question, but I will vouch for it if it's really on the table!*

- Advertise more.
- I suggest that 'corresponding author' be a field for conference proceedings; as it has been, I've found myself emailing all authors when congratulating/asking questions, but this seems less than ideal.
- I think PEARC does an excellent job at this, so it's difficult to provide suggestions for improvement. It's easy enough to participate in the conference itself, so I think the best way to improve would be to offer more conference-organized networking events to try to enable more participation and networking opportunities.
- Continue to emphasize the importance of access, opportunity, and belonging for all attendees. PEARC does an excellent job overall of this and has excellent mechanisms to bring up issues.
- Do what you can to keep costs down, such as offer single day or other limited registration types, provide additional hotel options with a range of rates, advertise travel grant programs on the conference site, etc..
- I think that the conference has made great strides to broadening participation and should be congratulated. I think that these efforts should continue, however, I also feel like the conference is losing its technical edge a bit, and we should probably focus on sharpening that up in the next iteration.
- Increasing CAB budget. And pushing for CAB concerns to be every committee concerns. For example making sure that proposals from underrepresented communities and researchers are not falling through the cracks of a merit based acceptance process
- Please review your catering. It's disappointing to go to a meeting and see stale pastries and chess mix that looks unhygienic. The poster session catering was so gross. Hotdog nachos, dry macaroni and cheese. For the high price of this conference, I definitely expect healthy fresh food. I've seen conferences do a lot better with healthy small bites.
- Not sure, but loved to see all the undergrad participation!
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- I really wanted to attend the orientation and things related to the first time attendees, but had delays with TSA. I didn't get in until late Monday. Hopefully next year I can get to those! To anyone who reads this thank you for putting this event on. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!
- continue having all of the space for people to meet and network. I really appreciated the round tables near the ballroom, that was super helpful for important discussions.
- I didn't see or experience any issue in this area during PEARC25. The conference was very welcoming to everyone. The leaders of this conference were very accessible during the breaks or the fun night at COSI. Everybody was eager to share their knowledge and experiences, which I think was truly the spirit of PEARC!
- I think PEARC is already doing this by having many parallel technical tracks of interests that appeal to different job roles, different career trajectories, different stages of career. I think the student program is especially strong
- You could host things on zoom for people who cannot afford costs of travel and hotels.
- Your presenter guide this year was excellent and I was glad to get information on how to use closed-captioning for my talk. However, of all the talks I went to, I only saw it used one other time. Many of the session chairs didn't enforce the use of microphones. I do not have a hearing issue; however, I struggled to hear some of the speakers and definitely couldn't hear audience member questions if they didn't use a mic. I would suggest enforcing these things as much as you can without requiring it. Sometimes just educating people on WHY these things are important helps with compliance. You can definitely insist that session chairs enforce the microphone use.
- Keep the FTA support and Collaboration discussion groups. Facility Tours for all. Signage pointing to the Safe Room.
- this conference was probably the one conference i've been to where accessibility felt very seamlessly and intentionally integrated into the design of the conference. the first time attendee tour made sure to highlight accessible routes/options and let folks know about the safe room. also the live captioning for the plenaries/big presentations was good
- Market to nearby universities -- my students and some research staff were unaware of this local opportunity.
- Encourage more posters!

- *We have a lot of communities/organizations represented within PEARC. Looking at things related to the students attending, I would suggest that not enough effort is presented to communicate to the students why they should engage with or join one of the communities now. My point is that students may hesitate to engage with some of the communities because they have not yet picked their actual jobs/career so they think they should wait. Instead more focus should be put on helping them to see why they should join one or more of these now and how it might help them going forward.*
- *If possible, it would be interesting to label different sessions with information about the expected expertise level of attendees in order for them to gain the most from the event. Have the Call for Participation explicitly request for topics and papers applicable to different levels of expertise.*
- *Thank you for providing food based on dietary restrictions. Please continue to do so. I know this could be challenging but some food on the buffet fits my dietary restrictions, but for other food it would be better if we could have an alternate but similar food to the one on the buffet. I enjoy plenary sessions on social aspects as the one we had several years.*
- *Seems good to me! I saw a lot of investment, promotion, and participation in the first-timers, mentoring, and undergraduate student programs*
- *If the conference covers my expenses, I'm willing to conduct a site visit prior to future events to make recommendations that will improve the experience for people with disabilities. That's a hat I wore for many years (assistive tech) and am currently mobility impaired. It's difficult to anticipate all needs until you find yourself in this boat.*
- *I was not able to attend the Women in HPC because it interlapped with another event (the new attendee dinner). While I was glad to have attended the new attendee dinner, I was sad not to be able to attend the Women in HPC event. I would like there to be less conflicting schedule on that next year. Also, to have more power outlets in the rooms would be my suggestion. My computer died a couple of times. The power bank was great for my phone though. Loved the safe room! I used it once!*
- *Spread out the tutorial in two or three days as oppose all of them in one days*
- *Continue the first time attendees programming.*
- *Reach out to more smaller colleges*
- *Offer travel funds for students and faculty from smaller schools*
- *I believe the conference was very well organized and included nearly all of the key broadening participation initiatives. You've been deeply committed to this cause for a long time, and it truly showed—you did better than many top-tier conferences in this regard. Kudos to the entire team for their outstanding efforts!*
- *I would like to see more student involvement and also maybe involve local high schools. I think there is great opportunity here to inspire the next generation.*
- *1. The schedule of presentations can be improved. There were several presentations that included the same community of people and were scheduled at the same time (particularly on Wednesday afternoon), while there were other times (Wednesday morning) when there were very few interesting presentations scheduled for this community of people; I would also like to suggest improving the program schedule visualization. There should be some way of view the schedule in a "table format, so it will be very clear which sessions are scheduled at a particular time.*

Please note any additional comments you would like to make regarding PEARC25.

- Overall good conference that could still use some work.
- Please leave the hot water and coffee out for the entire time between meals and dedicated 30 minute coffee breaks.
- The vegetarian/vegan options for lunch need work.
- One of my presentations was supposed to have a co-presenter, but that co-presenter was scheduled for another presentation immediately before mine. This meant they could not co-present with me, which turned out okay, but was disappointing. Please try to ensure that co-presenters are not scheduled to be in a different room within 15-30 minutes. Give a gap between to allow all presenters time to move between rooms and rest between presentations. For example, if presenters A and B are scheduled to present together at 10:35 AM, presenter B should not have another presentation ending at 10:35 AM (0 minutes travel time between rooms).
- It was great!
- Great event! Please keep making it.
- If you plan to serve lunch, consider serving breakfast as well. Even if it's going to be a light breakfast, such as muffins, cookies, or small burritos, instead of just a morning coffee, that would increase the conference food satisfaction rate significantly!
- It is great!
- Be more comfortable with younger people just listening without having to contribute.
- First time attendee program room was very small. Please consider larger area for this event.
- It was great - I benefited immensely from reconnecting with colleagues, but I already had those connections so it was easy to pick up where I left off. The ICW events were great too. Loved it. Could have done with more local doughnuts...
- I ended up not having enough time to explore COSI before I had to return to catch a bus before they stopped running. It would be nice if they ran a little longer.
- You did not ask about technical issues nor any "problems" that we experienced, which is a limitation of this survey. * I attended to late afternoon BoF's in very large meeting rooms that were not outfitted with microphones, making crowd-participation (the goal of a BoF) very unpleasant. It was impossible to hear the ideas, suggestions, and experiences of our colleagues, and made the BoFs very frustrating to attend. By the end of any of these days, we are exhausted and don't want to waste our time. Both times, someone sent out for a mic from the A/V staff and were told one would arrive, but that never happened. * I attended several talks where the presenter's laptop would not connect or display their presentation. Because there is so little time for any one talk, they were unable to delay while dealing with technical difficulties so the presenters in both cases attempted to give a talk with no notes or slides/often key visuals while AV staff or other attendees trying to be helpful flitted around them distractingly and noisily working to fix the problem (that never happened). The speakers were flustered, the audience was embarrassed, and the talks were hardly effective after all the team or presenter's hard work to get to that point. * The A/V staff was really not helpful at this conference. Any time something went wrong, I never saw it resolved in time to be helpful.
- Congrats on a great conference and being successful with several new community-building initiatives.
- <https://www.amazon.com/Quiet-Power-Introverts-World-Talking/dp/0307352153>
- Overall, Great conference.
- nice conference
- N/a
- My first PEARC was an excellent experience. Everything ran smoothly. I really liked the CEvent app that was easy to use and extremely helpful for planning by day. Thank you to all organizers that put on an incredible event.
- N/A
- Thank you for providing a good organization and coherence to this event.

- *It would be invaluable to have a dedicated preparation room (such as a relaxation room) equipped with internet access and power outlets, where presenters can make any adjustments for their talks or posters.*
- *Surveys: so many surveys! Can we corral them a little? Maybe send *one* email a day with all the survey links I am asked to fill out, and point out their deadlines. I know I missed filling out one timely survey simply because I couldn't keep track of which ones I had already done. Presentation: have presenters provide a list (or slide) of their contact information (github/website URLs, email addresses, QR codes, etc.) and send those out to participants before the conference, since that is a lot of what people want to capture to follow up on a presentation. I forgot to mention before: the student lightning talks and the posters/visualization presentations were great!*
- *a) conference wifi was weak. b) Somehow my emergency contact's phone number ended up in a vendor/exhibitors contact list.*
- *Thank you for a wonderful experience. I am better informed, refreshed, and re-invigorated as a result of attending PEARC25.*
- *This was an amazing PEARC. Glad I attended. :-)*
- *Despite 3-and-a-half day schedule (basically 4 days), really felt like only two days for sessions/papers/presentations. Felt like time could be better used especially on the final morning, even though I know that's always roughest time slot. Also vendor receptions were all on Tuesday which was same night as official reception at COSI, that seemed really silly as it was hard to go to both, especially when vendor events could have been Monday or Wednesday too.*
- *I like that conference and looking forward to attend next time.*
- *Thank you for the hard work you do to provide productive environments.*
- *Spread the workshops across two days and just make the conference a full week.*
- *I loved my wife was able to come, and I could buy passes for her to attend some evening events.*
- *Great work PEARC25 committee for the best PEARC I've attended! (and eliminate BOFs)*
- *Continue investing in the future innovators.*
- *This is the best academic conference I've been to thus far (APS March Meeting, MRS, local ACS, and local NSF EPSCoR included) and seems to have a good structure to go along with the great technical session content. I hope to produce something worth sharing by the next PEARC. Thank you for hosting this.*
- *Some A/V glitches this year, but overall I think it was great.*
- *It was an excellent conference, and the committee should be proud of what they have accomplished.*
- *Thanks for the great schedule and networking opportunities.*
- *Thank you for all the hard work and efforts! It showed, and the conference was very good. Here are couple side comments and notes. * Pro: Thank you for making coffee/tea/water available all day long and not just at breaks! This was very useful. * Con: round-table seating in tutorial/workshop rooms was a big disappointment. Round-tables are good for internal discussion/socializing, but terrible for workshops (not to mention hands-on tutorials). Classroom-style only, please! * Con: lack of power strips/extension cords in tutorials/workshops rooms was disappointing, and has inconvenienced quite a few attendees (especially in the afternoon). * Con: expensive. Both registration fees and exhibitor fees were exuberantly high.*
- *thank you*
- *Thank you for this amazing conference!!*
- *looking forward to 2026!*
- *I really liked PEARC 2025. Thank you.*
- *Thank you to the leadership team for putting on another great event.*
- *It was an excellent conference and the location was wonderful! Great job to all!*
- *thank you for a great PEARC!!!*
- *NA*
- *One criticism I have for this year is that we had the COSI event (a new element in PEARC), FTA efforts to go meet over dinner, student program mentor/protege, and the poster/viz. This leaves no open evenings and vendors are offering events creating a competition for time. For the student program mentor/protege (where students also often end up being first time attendees) dinner we had impacts this year where some*

students and some mentors didn't make it as they tried to sort through their options. I'm not sure what the best option is for this but some thought to create less competition between events. I am part of the student program this year so I have more detailed input on this that will be captured in a meeting the student program committee will have in the weeks after PEARC25.

- *I'm a morning breakfast person, so some food early (~8 am) is better than food at 10:30 am (just a couple of hours until lunch). Similarly, early morning sessions designed to engage attendees in participation would benefit from having food to attract participants.*
- *Thank you!*
- *- It wasn't over-airconditioned - thank you - I was in several sessions where the presenters had trouble connecting their laptops, resulting in delayed, shortened presentations. I'm sure there are a number of ways this can be lessened (and maybe they were already implemented, but presenters didn't take advantage of e.g. testing their connections?) - It is difficult to plan attending sessions when many of them are short; I would like to see track blocks presented as blocks in the agenda.*
- *Thank you so much for the effort put into this event! I appreciate it!*
- *I personally am not a fan of the new branding, although that has little impact on my feelings about PEARC.*
- *Regan and her team are very impressive!*
- *In this review form, please consolidate the questions about the race, role etc on a single page to avoid clicking multiple windows. Otherwise all good and thanks for the great conference.*
- *This event was amazing! Great work everyone*
- *Please more black tea! We tea drinkers want caffeine too lol*

PEARC25 AM Tutorial/Workshop Survey Results

Overall response rate: 25.6% (190/741)

Which of the following morning workshop or tutorial sessions did you attend? (If you attended more than one morning session, please select the one in which you primarily participated.)

	%	Count
Tutorial: A Guideline to Writing a Successful Proposal for ACCESS and Other National Compute Resources	2.1%	3
Tutorial: ChronoLog: Extreme-Scale Storage for Activity and Log Workloads	1.4%	2
Tutorial: Collaborative Cloud Science - Deploying The Littlest JupyterHub on Jetstream2	4.3%	6
Tutorial: Data Everywhere: Using and Sharing Scientific Data with Pelican	4.3%	6
Tutorial: From First Byte to Publication: Instrument Science Enabled by Globus	8.6%	12
Tutorial: Intelligible, Powerful Tools for Supercomputer Users	8.6%	12
Tutorial: Introduction to FABRIC	4.3%	6
Workshop: Building Agentic Workflows on AWS	5.0%	7
Workshop: Collaborative AI Infrastructure: Open Source MLOps with AMD Instinct GPUs	1.4%	2
Workshop: Cyberinfrastructure Community-wide Mentorship Network (CCMNet) Workshop	7.9%	11
Workshop: Fine-Tuning and Deploying Domain-Specific AI Models with NVIDIA NeMo, BioNeMo, and NIM	9.3%	13
Workshop: National Cyberinfrastructure Resources in the Classroom	6.4%	9
Workshop: Opportunities, Benefits and Challenges of Sharing Memory Between CPUs and GPUs	6.4%	9
Workshop: The ACM SIGHPC SYSPROS Symposium 2025	13.6%	19
Workshop: The Art of the Stripe: Understanding How Lustre Striping Impacts I/O Performance at Scale	2.1%	3
Workshop: 8th Workshop on Strategies for Enhancing HPC Education and Training (SEHET25)	14.3%	20
Total	100%	140

Tutorial: A Guideline to Writing a Successful Proposal for ACCESS and Other National Compute Resources

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	5.00	0.00	3
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	5.00	0.00	3
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	5.00	0.00	3
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	5.00	0.00	3
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.00	0.00	1
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	4.00	1.41	3
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Not specific to the tutorial, but I have been unable to connect to the internet on the PEARC Conference wifi through my laptop, even though I am able to connect to the network itself. No one else that I can tell has had this issue, and I have not had this issue connecting through my phone. There is no clear contact information for help on the website, and the registration desk was unable to direct me to some form of conference technical support.*
- *Would be nice to see a few example proposals from different levels included in the presentation*
- *Some examples of successful proposals and unsuccessful proposals which were improved upon later would immensely help. Writing a quick proposal for something small so that the extremely experienced speakers could skim through would help. Maybe they can give a checklist after attendees are done writing and they can self-check their own proposals.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *The QR codes on our name tags don't appear to work. For next year, I would ask that there be some kind of contact for support of technical issues.*

Tutorial: ChronoLog: Extreme-Scale Storage for Activity and Log Workloads

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/ workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.00	1.00	2
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	2
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *The tutorial was well organized and presented. For next year, it would be good to have power strips at tables. It is hard to do a hands-on tutorial with docker containers. The internet download speed was also very slow. It took 45 minutes to download the tutorial container. Even starting before the intro slides, we still had to wait for most of the room to download the container.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Tutorial: Collaborative Cloud Science - Deploying The Littlest JupyterHub on Jetstream2

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	6	5.00	0.00	6
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	83.3%	5	4.67	0.75	6
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	6	5.00	0.00	6
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	3.17	1.34	6
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	6	5.00	0.00	6
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	6	5.00	0.00	6

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

[None]

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Tutorial: Data Everywhere: Using and Sharing Scientific Data with Pelican

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	33.3%	2	4.33	0.47	6
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	33.3%	2	4.33	0.47	6
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	4.17	0.69	6
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	33.3%	2	50.0%	3	4.33	0.75	6
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	4.50	0.50	6
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	33.3%	2	16.7%	1	33.3%	2	3.67	1.11	6
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	4.17	0.69	6
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	4.17	0.69	6
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	4.50	0.50	6
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	33.3%	2	4.33	0.47	6
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	83.3%	5	16.7%	1	4.17	0.37	6
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	66.7%	4	16.7%	1	4.00	0.58	6
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	33.3%	2	4.33	0.47	6

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *No suggestions for now. Hopefully we'll see more use cases and explore new features as the product matures.*
- *I don't think I'll end up using Pelican, since it seems like it's primarily designed for use with HTCondor. That said, the content was presented clearly.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Tutorial: From First Byte to Publication: Instrument Science Enabled by Globus

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	3	75.0%	9	4.75	0.43	12
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	27.3%	3	63.6%	7	4.55	0.66	11
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	72.7%	8	4.73	0.45	11
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	2	80.0%	8	4.80	0.40	10
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	2	80.0%	8	4.80	0.40	10
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	1	50.0%	5	40.0%	4	4.30	0.64	10
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	45.5%	5	45.5%	5	4.36	0.64	11
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	1	30.0%	3	60.0%	6	4.50	0.67	10
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	30.0%	3	70.0%	7	4.70	0.46	10
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	2	80.0%	8	4.80	0.40	10
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	54.5%	6	4.18	1.11	11
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	2	80.0%	8	4.80	0.40	10
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	72.7%	8	4.73	0.45	11
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	30.0%	3	70.0%	7	4.70	0.46	10

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- ** Con: Wi-Fi performance was subpar. Not terrible, but could've been better for a hands-on day of a technology conference. * Pro: Thank you for making coffee/tea/water available all day long and not just at breaks! This was very useful. * Con: round-table seating in tutorial/workshop rooms was a big disappointment. Round-tables are good for small-group discussions and socializing, but terrible for workshops (not to mention hands-on tutorials). Classroom-style only, please! * Con: lack of power strips/extension cords in tutorials/workshops rooms was disappointing, and has inconvenienced quite a few attendees (especially in the afternoon).*
- *Please lay out the room classroom style, not rounds. It limits how many "real seats" are available when participants really need to see the screen and type at the same time.*
- *Experienced an incompatibility between Globus and MacOS 15.5 which took a while to resolve, leaving me behind in the class. The class instructors were able to resolve the issue, but it took time. PEARC25 internet was too slow to install the Apple Developer Tools in order to have "git" available from the command line.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Thank you!*
- *PEARC should try to select venues with fast, free internet.*
- *To the conf organizers: Whomever was responsible for making the break coffee only should be banned from being in any similar decision making committees in the future.*

Tutorial: Intelligible, Powerful Tools for Supercomputer Users

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	16.7%	2	41.7%	5	33.3%	4	4.00	0.91	12
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	66.7%	8	25.0%	3	4.17	0.55	12
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	83.3%	10	16.7%	2	4.17	0.37	12
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	16.7%	2	58.3%	7	16.7%	2	3.83	0.80	12
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	75.0%	9	25.0%	3	4.25	0.43	12
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	75.0%	9	8.3%	1	3.83	0.69	12
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	16.7%	2	41.7%	5	33.3%	4	4.00	0.91	12
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	75.0%	9	25.0%	3	4.25	0.43	12
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	8	33.3%	4	4.33	0.47	12
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	41.7%	5	8.3%	1	33.3%	4	16.7%	2	3.25	1.16	12
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	58.3%	7	25.0%	3	4.00	0.82	12
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	16.7%	2	66.7%	8	8.3%	1	3.75	0.72	12
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	2	66.7%	8	16.7%	2	4.00	0.58	12
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	75.0%	9	16.7%	2	4.08	0.49	12

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *TACC onboarding was very smooth. We didn't really do anything on Vista, though, during the tutorial, so I don't think the TACC account setup was necessary or worthwhile. Having some prepared demo jobs to run and analyze would have been helpful.*
- *Needs much more hands-on time*
- *first half presenter was excellent, second half presenter was very good with more interesting tool but less experience*
- *It may have saved some time to confirm all participants TACC accounts prior to the workshop starting. Additional hands-on or follow-along portions to showcase the tools may be nice.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *was good!*

Tutorial: Introduction to FABRIC

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	83.3%	5	16.7%	1	4.17	0.37	6
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	4.17	0.69	6
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	4.50	0.50	6
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	4.50	0.50	6
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	66.7%	4	4.67	0.47	6
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	4.83	0.37	6

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Let participants know the required accounts to create ahead of time that was needed. We lost a few minutes as a few attendees had to create accounts while we wait. But all was good afterwards.*
- *This tutorial was very well organized and executed. The tutorial presenters did an excellent job of helping attendees with the exercises.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *I appreciated this tutorial and found it was an excellent introduction to the FABRIC testbed and resources!*

Workshop: 8th Workshop on Strategies for Enhancing HPC Education and Training (SEHET25)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	10.0%	2	10.0%	2	45.0%	9	35.0%	7	4.05	0.92	20
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	5.3%	1	5.3%	1	36.8%	7	52.6%	10	4.37	0.81	19
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	15.8%	3	26.3%	5	57.9%	11	4.42	0.75	19
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	2	40.0%	8	50.0%	10	4.40	0.66	20
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	2	50.0%	10	40.0%	8	4.30	0.64	20
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	36.8%	7	42.1%	8	21.1%	4	3.84	0.74	19
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	2	60.0%	12	30.0%	6	4.20	0.60	20
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	5.6%	1	0.0%	0	61.1%	11	33.3%	6	4.22	0.71	18
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	2	28.6%	4	57.1%	8	4.43	0.73	14
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	28.6%	2	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	3.43	1.50	7
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	6.7%	1	13.3%	2	26.7%	4	53.3%	8	4.27	0.93	15
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	5.0%	1	25.0%	5	35.0%	7	35.0%	7	4.00	0.89	20
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	5.0%	1	15.0%	3	45.0%	9	35.0%	7	4.10	0.83	20
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	5.0%	1	15.0%	3	40.0%	8	40.0%	8	4.15	0.85	20

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Some short break out group or making it an all day event with multiple would have been ideal.*
- *It wasn't really a workshop. It was more like a longer BoF. I expected something like facilitated discussion with smaller conversations reporting back to the larger group.*
- *I expected a workshop to have some interactive component. This was just a set of presentations. It could have been a BoF or a half-day session track. I heard some interesting ideas and enjoyed some of the presentations, but didn't feel like my understanding of the topic was impacted greatly, nor did I contribute to the state of HPC training in any way.*
- *Some of the presentation slides in the beginning half of the session were difficult to read. Some presentation slides were typed in white font on a grey background.*
- *I thought there would be more hands-on material, such as demoing training material. The material was good for what it was but wasn't what I expected.*
- *It would be very helpful if slides were made available to the participants.*
- *I was anticipating this to be far more interactive than it actually was. The term workshop to me presumes there's a greater level of participant activity than the tutorials; it just was a series of presentations on topics that I would say didn't really relate to my particular area which I attended this session for.*
- *Great workshop.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Thank you PEARC for providing a day of workshops and tutorials. It's a great part of the conference.*

Workshop: Building Agentic Workflows on AWS

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	71.4%	5	28.6%	2	4.29	0.45	7
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	71.4%	5	28.6%	2	4.29	0.45	7
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	42.9%	3	42.9%	3	4.29	0.70	7
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	42.9%	3	42.9%	3	4.29	0.70	7
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	57.1%	4	28.6%	2	4.14	0.64	7
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	57.1%	4	42.9%	3	4.43	0.49	7
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	71.4%	5	28.6%	2	4.29	0.45	7
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	42.9%	3	28.6%	2	3.86	0.99	7
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	57.1%	4	42.9%	3	4.43	0.49	7

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *This was an excellent workshop. Some knowledge on AWS should be expected. There was a lot of material to cover so not all hands-on modules could be completed. AWS made the instance available for 9 hours only. It would have been great if they could have made it available until the end of the week.*
- *There was a lot of content in the workshop, and internet was slow what made everything take extra long, would have been better as a full day workshop to make sure can get through the whole content. But it was a very useful workshop, I got exactly what I wanted and needed from it, just wish there was more time.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *For next Pearc, save more time for similar workshops, a full day rather than a half*

Workshop: Collaborative AI Infrastructure: Open Source MLOps with AMD Instinct GPUs

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	4.00	1.00	2
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

[None]

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Workshop: Cyberinfrastructure Community-wide Mentorship Network (CCMNet) Workshop

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	72.7%	8	4.73	0.45	11
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	81.8%	9	4.64	0.88	11
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	81.8%	9	4.82	0.39	11
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	18.2%	2	72.7%	8	4.64	0.64	11
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	1	10.0%	1	80.0%	8	4.70	0.64	10
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	81.8%	9	4.82	0.39	11
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	9.1%	1	9.1%	1	72.7%	8	4.45	0.99	11
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	81.8%	9	4.82	0.39	11
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	81.8%	9	4.82	0.39	11
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	66.7%	4	4.33	1.11	6
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	54.5%	6	4.18	1.11	11
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	18.2%	2	72.7%	8	4.64	0.64	11
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	18.2%	2	72.7%	8	4.55	0.89	11
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	18.2%	2	72.7%	8	4.64	0.64	11

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *This survey has overlapping questions and could be shortened*
- *I think perhaps instead of two panels next time we could try to have folks do some group discussions about mentorship with a "panelist" at the table, and then people can rotate to another table after a little while?*
- *Technical support was timely and appreciated; there was some apparent miscommunication for setup but it was resolved.*
- *Maybe some elements of the workshop could focus on specific mentor/mentee projects and relationships. While interesting, the content focused on mentorship as a general concept.*
- *Thanks for sharing this great program, and making the workshop interesting. The time went by fast.*
- *A/V issues.*
- *My goal of learning more about the CCMnet program and platform was successful.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *I think making a specific 10 mins of the time available for people to create their accounts for CCMNET and add the all hands meeting to the calendar might be a good way to hook folks?*

Workshop: Fine-Tuning and Deploying Domain-Specific AI Models with NVIDIA NeMo, BioNeMo, and NIM

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	53.8%	7	38.5%	5	4.31	0.61	13
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	7.7%	1	53.8%	7	30.8%	4	4.08	0.83	13
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	38.5%	5	61.5%	8	4.62	0.49	13
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	46.2%	6	46.2%	6	4.38	0.62	13
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	38.5%	5	53.8%	7	4.46	0.63	13
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	23.1%	3	69.2%	9	7.7%	1	3.85	0.53	13
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	0.0%	0	61.5%	8	30.8%	4	4.15	0.77	13
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	23.1%	3	46.2%	6	30.8%	4	4.08	0.73	13
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	53.8%	7	38.5%	5	4.31	0.61	13
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	23.1%	3	53.8%	7	23.1%	3	4.00	0.68	13
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	15.4%	2	7.7%	1	23.1%	3	53.8%	7	4.15	1.10	13
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	15.4%	2	46.2%	6	38.5%	5	4.23	0.70	13
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	46.2%	6	46.2%	6	4.38	0.62	13
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	61.5%	8	38.5%	5	4.38	0.49	13

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *The fact that NVIDIA API endpoint is needed for this tutorial hampers the overall tutorial workflow, and is a blocker, but the overall content was excellent, as were the presenters.*
- *Too much lecture time. Ran out of time to do hands on exercises. Would recommend multiple blocks of short lecture followed by exercises. Provided resources were great, power strips for workshops really should be a given.*
- *Help the workshop organizers to reach out to participant with preworkshop material. They can use other sharing tools to share pre-workshop material*
- *I gave the organization of the session a negative mark not because of the quality of the presenters but because we were in a room that had numerous issues that should have been addressed by PEARC organizers. One of the biggest ones is that our room did not have any plugs. For a 3.5 hour session, there was no way to maintain a computer charge throughout the whole workshop without scavenging a plug during morning break, and that was only if you were lucky enough to have a fully charged laptop when the session started. Additionally, there were lighting issues and one of the two projectors hadn't been focused and was blurry, which required time from the presentation to resolve. As far as the content of the workshop, I found the presentation very interesting, and plan on using some of these tools on our HPC systems at my university. The hands-on portion started off a little rough with a slightly confusing methodology to logging in, but I think it could be resolved by combining everything to one slide or doing a manual walk through on the projector screen. The notebooks are really useful.*
- *NA*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Good workshop overall*
- *none*
- *NA*

Workshop: National Cyberinfrastructure Resources in the Classroom

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	0.0%	0	85.7%	6	4.71	0.70	7
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	0.0%	0	85.7%	6	4.71	0.70	7
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	57.1%	4	28.6%	2	4.14	0.64	7
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	28.6%	2	57.1%	4	4.43	0.73	7
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	28.6%	2	57.1%	4	4.43	0.73	7
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	28.6%	2	57.1%	4	4.43	0.73	7
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	71.4%	5	4.57	0.73	7
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Some case studies presented by instructors would make this workshop more engaging.*
- *Maybe something to signal that a session like this is intro or student friendly so they could know to join in the future? The speakers can opt into that tag*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *I came away much more knowledgeable about the national CI infrastructure than I was before. Super happy with how this was covered.*

Workshop: Opportunities, Benefits and Challenges of Sharing Memory Between CPUs and GPUs

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	22.2%	2	33.3%	3	22.2%	2	3.56	1.07	9
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	44.4%	4	33.3%	3	4.11	0.74	9
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	44.4%	4	44.4%	4	4.33	0.67	9
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	0.0%	0	44.4%	4	44.4%	4	4.22	0.92	9
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	44.4%	4	44.4%	4	4.33	0.67	9
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	33.3%	3	22.2%	2	22.2%	2	22.2%	2	3.33	1.15	9
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	44.4%	4	44.4%	4	4.33	0.67	9
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	0.0%	0	55.6%	5	33.3%	3	4.11	0.87	9
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	57.1%	4	42.9%	3	4.43	0.49	7
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	4.00	1.00	2
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	16.7%	1	66.7%	4	4.50	0.76	6
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	22.2%	2	44.4%	4	22.2%	2	3.78	0.92	9
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	11.1%	1	44.4%	4	22.2%	2	3.67	1.05	9
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	22.2%	2	44.4%	4	22.2%	2	3.78	0.92	9

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *My problem was that I may not have adequate background. I understand multicore ideas, and I understand gpu ideas. But I did not understand much of the details presented here. I understood the big picture, I think, but none of the important details. I think this workshop would have been much much more useful to me if there was an introductory lecture on going over the details of APUs and the memory setup. There was an extra hour at the end which was a panel discussion. Instead of that, I'd have spent that time on the front end in giving the APU details, which then (ideally) would have enabled greater understanding of the more detailed presentations. But I understand that tailoring a workshop to ALL attendees is very difficult. I am quite disappointed in that I feel that this workshop had a lot of potential but I did not get much out of this (but I recognize that others might have). The first talker from TACC was worthless. He spoke so softly that I could hear very little of what he said; another disappointment. People should have to use the provided mic and the moderator should insist on it. Many people, during that talk, were surfing the web. I was in the back and could see their screens.*
- *Including some examples in the presentations would have been more beneficial to understand the implications of this topic better. Also, making the presentation material would be quite helpful to the attendees.*
- *The talks from different institutions about their experience and benchmarks of the unified CPU/GPU systems was good/helpful. I learned about some of the tradeoffs between both current compute models and these models as well as between AMD and NVIDIA. I was hoping to do something hands on, porting even a very small code set to the AMD APU and the NVIDIA GH architectures.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *I think the ideas in this workshop and many others are outstanding. There are so many interesting sections on Monday that I think you should all consider making this a two-day (tutorial) event of PEARC and not just a single day, so that we can attend more workshops/tutorials. Very nice.*

Workshop: The ACM SIGHPC SYSPROS Symposium 2025

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.1%	8	57.9%	11	4.58	0.49	19
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	36.8%	7	63.2%	12	4.63	0.48	19
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.3%	1	31.6%	6	63.2%	12	4.58	0.59	19
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.3%	1	31.6%	6	63.2%	12	4.58	0.59	19
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.3%	1	31.6%	6	63.2%	12	4.58	0.59	19
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	21.1%	4	36.8%	7	42.1%	8	4.21	0.77	19
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	5.3%	1	0.0%	0	42.1%	8	52.6%	10	4.42	0.75	19
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.1%	8	57.9%	11	4.58	0.49	19
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	6.3%	1	37.5%	6	56.3%	9	4.50	0.61	16
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	57.1%	4	42.9%	3	4.43	0.49	7
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	14.3%	2	0.0%	0	21.4%	3	64.3%	9	4.36	1.04	14
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	21.1%	4	78.9%	15	4.79	0.41	19
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	31.6%	6	68.4%	13	4.68	0.46	19
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	36.8%	7	63.2%	12	4.63	0.48	19

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *The room was having technical difficulties (and so were multiple others)*
- *Suggest running the ACM SIGHPC SYSPROS Symposium for a full day prior to the workshops (or after PEARC otherwise ends) so that folks can attend this AND other workshops.*
- *technical difficulties resulted from the facility, no fault of the presenters or organizers*
- *The only issue in the session was with the room itself. There was only a single handheld mic and the podium mic to start with which is a problem for a panel discussion with audience questions. There needed to be more mics from the start. The podium was placed in such a position that the door behind it was constantly "clanking" because the motion sensor was detecting someone there. It was very distracting and interrupted the presenters.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *wish there was more than one flavor of tea. PEARC 2024 had a box with many choices.*
- *Betsy and Taylor are awesome! So are Jay and Mike!*

Workshop: The Art of the Stripe: Understanding How Lustre Striping Impacts I/O Performance at Scale

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	3.67	0.47	3
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	3.33	0.94	3
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	3
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	3.67	0.47	3
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	3
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	3.33	0.94	3
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	3.33	0.47	3
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	4.00	0.82	3
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.67	0.47	3
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	3.33	1.25	3
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.67	0.47	3
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	3.00	0.82	3
Overall, I would rate my tutorial / workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	3.00	0.82	3

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *They had some demo issues that didn't help, but length of content was fairly short for the time slot.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

PEARC25 PM and Full Day Tutorial/Workshop Survey Results

Overall response rate: 29.8% (221/741)

Which of the following full day or afternoon workshop or tutorial sessions did you attend? (If you attended more than one full-day or afternoon session, please select the one in which you primarily participated.)

	%	Count
Full Day Tutorial: Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack	3.4%	7
Full Day Tutorial: Programming and Profiling Modern Multicore Processors	4.9%	10
Full Day Tutorial: Reproducible ML Workflows and Deployments with Tapis	3.9%	8
Full Day Workshop: Building and Selling a Strategic Plan for your Research Computing and Data Program	13.2%	27
Full Day Workshop: Collaborating Your Way to Sustainability (Focus Week@PEARC25)	1.5%	3
Full Day Workshop: 2nd Workshop on Broadly Accessible Quantum Computing	7.3%	15
Tutorial: ACES Tutorial for using Graphcore Intelligence Processing Units (IPUs) for AI/ML workflows	2.0%	4
Tutorial: AI Workflows on ACCESS Resources	2.0%	4
Tutorial: Bootstrapping and Cluster DevOps with OpenCHAMI	2.9%	6
Tutorial: CI Usage and Performance Data Analysis with XDMoD and NetSage for Resource Providers	1.0%	2
Tutorial: Deploy & Manage Kubernetes on Jetstream2 using OpenStack Magnum	5.4%	11
Tutorial: Globus Compute: Federated Function as a Service for the Computing Continuum	6.3%	13
Tutorial: Implementing Opensource LLMs in Research Computing: From Model Selection to On-Premises Deployment	14.6%	30
Tutorial: Open OnDemand Overview, Customization, and App Development	6.3%	13
Tutorial: The Streetwise Guide to Jupyter Security	3.4%	7
Workshop: Campus Champions and NAIRR: Empowering AI Research Facilitation Through Collaboration	8.8%	18
Workshop: Collaborating with K12 Schools: Supporting Secondary Students and Teachers in Computing	2.4%	5
Workshop: Expanding ACCESS: Tools and Innovations for the Broader Cyberinfrastructure Community	2.0%	4
Workshop: HPC-as-a-Service: Enabling Self-Service Research Compute for the Masses Optimizing Research Workflows: Bridging HPC, Data Engineering, and AI	1.0%	2
Workshop: How Computational Infrastructures can Support Scalable AI-Readiness of Data to Power Collaboration	2.0%	4
Workshop: WHPC: Collaboration, Community, Careers	5.9%	12
Total	100%	205

Full Day Tutorial: Programming and Profiling Modern Multicore Processors

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	22.2%	2	66.7%	6	4.56	0.68	9
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	66.7%	6	4.44	0.96	9
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	88.9%	8	4.89	0.31	9
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	22.2%	2	66.7%	6	4.56	0.68	9
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	77.8%	7	4.78	0.42	9

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *I wish I had a bit more time to run the examples and exercises.*
- *Having a brief topics outline beyond the headline of the presentation would help.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *I have not organized any activities like this so I don't know if my thought is doable or not: if there is a Slack channel created specifically for the workshop, it can be a great opportunity for people to do direct communication during or post the tutorials (can add more workload for organizers or people giving the tutorials so...).*

Full Day Tutorial: Reproducible ML Workflows and Deployments with Tapis

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	37.5%	3	62.5%	5	4.63	0.48	8
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	2	75.0%	6	4.75	0.43	8
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	37.5%	3	62.5%	5	4.63	0.48	8
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	4	50.0%	4	4.50	0.50	8
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	12.5%	1	87.5%	7	4.88	0.33	8
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	37.5%	3	62.5%	5	4.63	0.48	8
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	75.0%	6	25.0%	2	4.25	0.43	8
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	12.5%	1	37.5%	3	50.0%	4	4.38	0.70	8
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	2	75.0%	6	4.75	0.43	8
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	12.5%	1	25.0%	2	62.5%	5	4.50	0.71	8
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	12.5%	1	0.0%	0	37.5%	3	50.0%	4	4.25	0.97	8
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	57.1%	4	42.9%	3	4.43	0.49	7
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	4	50.0%	4	4.50	0.50	8
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	2	75.0%	6	4.75	0.43	8

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Internet slow, Maybe not enough participants?*
- *Power would be helpful for future tutorials.*
- *conference wifi was an issue.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Full Day Workshop: 2nd Workshop on Broadly Accessible Quantum Computing

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	7.1%	1	14.3%	2	42.9%	6	35.7%	5	4.07	0.88	14
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	6.7%	1	40.0%	6	53.3%	8	4.47	0.62	15
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	6.7%	1	40.0%	6	53.3%	8	4.47	0.62	15
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	7.1%	1	7.1%	1	35.7%	5	50.0%	7	4.29	0.88	14
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	7.1%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	7	42.9%	6	4.29	0.80	14
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	21.4%	3	28.6%	4	21.4%	3	28.6%	4	3.57	1.12	14
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	6.7%	1	13.3%	2	46.7%	7	33.3%	5	4.07	0.85	15
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	6.7%	1	6.7%	1	40.0%	6	46.7%	7	4.27	0.85	15
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	2	33.3%	4	50.0%	6	4.33	0.75	12
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	30.0%	3	40.0%	4	0.0%	0	30.0%	3	3.30	1.19	10
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	7.1%	1	14.3%	2	14.3%	2	64.3%	9	4.36	0.97	14
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	3	33.3%	5	46.7%	7	4.27	0.77	15
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	20.0%	3	0.0%	0	26.7%	4	53.3%	8	4.13	1.15	15
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	13.3%	2	6.7%	1	26.7%	4	53.3%	8	4.20	1.05	15

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *This may be out of scope for a talk on broadly accessible QC, but since this topic came up it would have been nice to discuss more about what MQSS is and maybe some highlights of it that would help push QC in the US if implemented or harnessed.*
- *I would suggest that the morning session could include be high end methods and results from latest research in the field and afternoon should be hands on sessions to reproduce results presented with the possibility of extending them for problems of participant's interest. One panel should discuss the short and longer term future of the field.*
- *Would have been helpful to have power outlets available for attendees to charge their devices.*
- *I would have liked to have more audience introduction and chance for participation. I felt there were too many panels and one panel didn't seem well organized or communicated to the panelists.*
- *Please include URLs as well as QR codes, encourage presenters to make see-able slides, i'm talkin large fonts and high signal to noise, and post the workshop schedule in the description.*
- *Would love to see more quantum computing content.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *This was a fantastic explanation of the state of Quantum in Europe and continued discussion of relevant quantum topics.*

Full Day Workshop: Building and Selling a Strategic Plan for your Research Computing and Data Program

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	7.7%	2	7.7%	2	57.7%	15	26.9%	7	4.04	0.81	26
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	26.9%	7	73.1%	19	4.73	0.44	26
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	30.8%	8	26.9%	7	26.9%	7	15.4%	4	3.27	1.06	26
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	46.2%	12	53.8%	14	4.54	0.50	26
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	7.7%	2	53.8%	14	34.6%	9	4.19	0.73	26
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	46.2%	12	50.0%	13	4.46	0.57	26
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	3.8%	1	42.3%	11	50.0%	13	4.38	0.74	26
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.3%	11	57.7%	15	4.58	0.49	26
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	30.8%	8	65.4%	17	4.62	0.56	26
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	23.1%	6	76.9%	20	4.77	0.42	26
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.0%	1	24.0%	6	72.0%	18	4.68	0.55	25
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	42.3%	11	53.8%	14	4.50	0.57	26
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	42.3%	11	53.8%	14	4.50	0.57	26
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3.8%	1	26.9%	7	69.2%	18	4.65	0.55	26

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *It would have been helpful to have power at all the tables.*
- *Excellent material. The exercises were well organized and helpful*
- *The only reason for the two "disagree" answers above was due to the misleading title. "Building" a strategic plan would probably be a significant workshop on its own, and that was not covered here. Otherwise very happy I signed up for this one.*
- *As indicated the tilting and description should be refined.*
- *Enjoyed the balance of lecture and active engagement. Enjoyed the opportunity to meet and collaborate with many individuals. Pacing could improve and description should be more tailored to influence rather than building strategy.*
- *The only weakness was that while the workshop was very interesting and I enjoyed the hands-on format, we actually did not get into the full problem of Strategy plan building the focus was on the selling part.*
- *Incorporate an AI summarization tool to summarize each exercise at each table*
- *We just needed a little more time for some of the sections. It was a fully fleshed out day, so it was hard to fit everything in once we got going.*
- *I have no good solution to this but there wasn't sufficient time to perform the exercises properly.*
- *I'd love some more continuing resources specifically on the topic of strategic planning*
- *The title/description might need some tweaking, but it was a very informative session.*
- *We discussed at the end of the session that another title for the workshop may be more appropriate.*
- *Agree that the title and description didn't quite align with the content, but I think this was perhaps the best - and most useful - workshop I've ever attended. So I think this actually exceeded my expectations.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Thanks! Very much appreciated!*
- *Nice work*
- *Excellent workshop! It was jam-packed and not only kept my attention, but was engaging and informative. I met new people, took pages worth of notes, and will be able to take this information back to my institution and put it into play. Thank you!*
- *Really wonderful workshop. I'm walking away with applicable tools*
- *Well done.*

Full Day Workshop: Collaborating Your Way to Sustainability (Focus Week@PEARC25)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	4.00	0.82	3
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	3
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *I do wish they would have started the session with a more explicit and detailed description of sustainability and what that means to them (not environmentally related necessarily). Overall it was a great session and I found it to be a safe space to share and get feedback on ideas.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *While the number of attendees was low, it actually made for a great environment to have a small group discussion. I was able to meet people and discuss things more deeply because of the size. The facilitators were very helpful and welcoming.*

Tutorial: ACES Tutorial for using Graphcore Intelligence Processing Units (IPUs) for AI/ML workflows

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	4.50	0.50	2

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *(I am part of the team presenting)*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Tutorial: AI Workflows on ACCESS Resources

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	4.00	0.82	3
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	4.33	0.94	3
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	4.00	0.82	3
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	4.00	0.82	3
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	4.33	0.94	3
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	66.7%	2	4.67	0.47	3
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	3.67	0.94	3
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	0.0%	0	33.3%	1	3.67	0.94	3
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	4.33	0.47	3

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *This session was titled "AI Workflows on ACCESS Resources", but focused primarily on how to use the Pegasus workflow manager, with an AI application as an example. This example seemed pretty interchangeable, and I would have appreciated more considerations specific to AI, e.g., making and managing resource choices (especially relevant in the context of ACCESS) and examples of larger scale AI workflows (which is where Pegasus seems like it shines).*
- *The presentation content ran a bit long and the hand-on tutorial content a bit short, in terms of time allocation and pacing. I would have preferred a bit more hands-on, but I appreciated that the tutorial resources would continue to be available to me to use after the workshop concluded.*
- *Often, tutorials can be difficult to participate in since issues can arise that cause users to fall behind; this was not the case here. The interactive tutorials were well-sized and loosely coupled. Thanks!*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Tutorial: Bootstrapping and Cluster DevOps with OpenCHAMI

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	66.7%	4	16.7%	1	4.00	0.58	6
The session was well organized.	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	2.83	0.90	6
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	4.50	0.50	6
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	4.00	1.00	6
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	33.3%	2	50.0%	3	4.33	0.75	6
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	16.7%	1	3.67	0.75	6
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	0.0%	0	40.0%	2	40.0%	2	4.00	1.10	5
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	50.0%	3	4.17	1.07	6
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	16.7%	1	3.83	0.90	6
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	33.3%	2	33.3%	2	3.67	1.37	6
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	33.3%	2	50.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	2.17	1.34	6
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	16.7%	1	16.7%	1	50.0%	3	4.00	1.15	6
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	33.3%	2	50.0%	3	4.17	1.07	6
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	3	33.3%	2	3.83	1.34	6

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *The information provided was great, though there were some challenges with getting the hands-on portion of the session started. I would suggest altering the balance of hands-on vs presented material (more presented material) with a more focused hands-on portion*
- *Some technical issues during tutorial but it was resolved after some time.*
- *Unfortunately this workshop was predicated on needing users to log in to an AWS instance. This did not work as expected, but instead of going to a demo the presenters spent about 40 minutes fixing IT issues. It was also hard to follow along with the tutorial without the slides being colocated with the tutorial repo. I enjoy the topic and **am** very interested in using OpenCHAMI. However, the presenters really need to practice it a bit more and gameplan what to do if there are technical issues. I totally understand how tough it is to create such a tutorial but wish I had gotten more out of the session.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *No additional comments. I really hope there is an opportunity for an updated/improved version of this tutorial.*

Tutorial: CI Usage and Performance Data Analysis with XDMoD and NetSage for Resource Providers

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	1
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	1
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	1
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *The workshop was great, but conference WiFi has not been great*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Tutorial: Deploy & Manage Kubernetes on Jetstream2 using OpenStack Magnum

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	45.5%	5	45.5%	5	4.27	0.86	11
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	9.1%	1	45.5%	5	36.4%	4	4.09	0.90	11
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	36.4%	4	63.6%	7	4.64	0.48	11
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	36.4%	4	54.5%	6	4.27	1.14	11
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	63.6%	7	4.36	1.15	11
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	18.2%	2	27.3%	3	45.5%	5	4.09	1.00	11
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	54.5%	6	36.4%	4	4.27	0.62	11
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	72.7%	8	18.2%	2	4.00	0.74	11
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	45.5%	5	45.5%	5	4.18	1.11	11
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	72.7%	8	18.2%	2	4.09	0.51	11
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	9.1%	1	27.3%	3	36.4%	4	18.2%	2	9.1%	1	2.91	1.08	11
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	63.6%	7	4.45	0.89	11
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	10.0%	1	0.0%	0	30.0%	3	60.0%	6	4.40	0.92	10
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	9.1%	1	0.0%	0	27.3%	3	63.6%	7	4.45	0.89	11

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *would it be possible to have a small server and network devices on premise to run these tutorial/workshops?*
- *Steve and the Jetstream folks are awesome!*
- *Many had issues with the interface creating new VMs, which slowed us down, but the protocols and directions were clear enough to get caught up. I learned about kubernetes and helm and will likely go through this tutorial on my own to test further.*
- *Really enjoyed this tutorial. I didn't realize we'd be challenged to figure things out on our own which is a little nerve wracking but it's how you learn. Ultimately I learned more than a standard copy/paste tutorial. Thanks to the presenters for an opportunity to step out of my comfort zone*
- *All was good at the beginning, then the instructor began copying files from a location that was not given and ignored me raising my hand and kept on and on forward. His assistant saw me looking confused pointing for his assistance and showed me where I can download the files. By that time the instructor was so far ahead and still ignored me. So I left and now trying to look for some tutorial I can use. Very thankful though for his assistant in helping me get the account set up so I can use.*
- *It would be helpful to have a bit more explanation at the beginning about some of the tools we were going to use in the tutorial. The exercises were useful, though!*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Excellent*
- *The 9:30 intro to fabric was great and the presenters were well prepared and did an excellent job*

Tutorial: Globus Compute: Federated Function as a Service for the Computing Continuum

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	72.7%	8	27.3%	3	4.27	0.45	11
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	2	60.0%	6	20.0%	2	4.00	0.63	10
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	5	50.0%	5	4.50	0.50	10
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.0%	1	40.0%	4	50.0%	5	4.40	0.66	10
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	40.0%	4	60.0%	6	4.60	0.49	10
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	2	60.0%	6	20.0%	2	4.00	0.63	10
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	90.0%	9	10.0%	1	4.10	0.30	10
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	80.0%	8	20.0%	2	4.20	0.40	10
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	6	33.3%	3	4.33	0.47	9
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	83.3%	5	0.0%	0	3.83	0.37	6
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	66.7%	4	16.7%	1	3.83	0.90	6
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	55.6%	5	33.3%	3	4.22	0.63	9
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	66.7%	6	33.3%	3	4.33	0.47	9
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	55.6%	5	33.3%	3	4.22	0.63	9

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Having a user example to follow along would have been great. It felt like it was mainly us watching them rather than learning how to use the function.*
- *test live demos against slow public wifi, not production wifi at your institution. Wifi at conference center will be much slower.*
- ** Con: Wi-Fi performance was subpar. Not terrible, but could've been better for a hands-on day of a technology conference. * Pro: Thank you for making coffee/tea/water available all day long and not just at breaks! This was very useful. * Con: round-table seating in tutorial/workshop rooms was a big disappointment. Round-tables are good for small-group discussions and socializing, but terrible for workshops (not to mention hands-on tutorials). Classroom-style only, please! * Con: lack of power strips/extension cords in tutorials/workshops rooms was disappointing, and has inconvenienced quite a few attendees (especially in the afternoon).*
- *- Classroom style seating is better in tutorial, it was hard to utilize much of the round table space - Wifi challenges for downloads of materials for tutorials, and was slow - Not having power is a challenge, especially as attendees go to tutorials all day - Sign up sheet to support gathering actual attendance would have been useful as a way to share materials*
- *Not confined to this tutorial, but rather PEARC tutorials overall, I wish you would spread out these tutorials over multiple days, even have some concurrently with the "normal" conference. Maybe have something early morning. Maybe have tutorials on both Sunday and Monday. We're all here, we're all set up. There was, seriously 4-8 tutorials that I wanted to attend.*
- *The wifi speed caused some of the live demo to be a tad slow but it wasn't feasible to prerun everything as setting it up was the presentation. But it was just a delay and not a complete failure.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Thank you!*
- *I think tutorial and workshop leads need to be reminded---and yes, even workshops---that people will attend the session with some background but perhaps not the full background you require, so spending ~30 minutes up front to set the stage is, I believe, not only smart, but should be required. I attended a "workshop" in the morning and it was on a topic (CPU/GPU integrated memory) where I'm familiar with the basic issue, but I do not work in this area. The plots were quite nice--showed a lot of real data. But the presenters acted like everyone knew the types of plots and what they were telling us. I'm confident I could have understood the plots and their implications, but I needed someone to take the time and explain them (either as they were presented or as a 30-minute primer at the beginning). There were some 20-30 people in the room at various points, but it seemed like there were 5-10 people talking intimately with each other and leaving the rest of us out. I was massively disappointed because I felt like it was a wonderful learning opportunity that went right down the crapper. DO NOT FOCUS ON THAT PART OF YOUR AUDIENCE THAT IS EXPERT IN THE TOPIC. BROADEN THE REACH BY EXPLAINING WHAT IS GOING ON, IN SIMPLE TERMS, SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN BENEFIT.*

Tutorial: Implementing Opensource LLMs in Research Computing: From Model Selection to On-Premises Deployment

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/ workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	6.9%	2	6.9%	2	48.3%	14	37.9%	11	4.17	0.83	29
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	10.3%	3	3.4%	1	48.3%	14	37.9%	11	4.14	0.90	29
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	3.4%	1	0.0%	0	48.3%	14	48.3%	14	4.41	0.67	29
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	3.4%	1	0.0%	0	27.6%	8	69.0%	20	4.62	0.67	29
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	3.4%	1	6.9%	2	24.1%	7	65.5%	19	4.52	0.77	29
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	3.4%	1	3.4%	1	13.8%	4	41.4%	12	37.9%	11	4.07	0.98	29
The length of the session was appropriate.	3.4%	1	13.8%	4	3.4%	1	51.7%	15	27.6%	8	3.86	1.07	29
The content was presented clearly.	3.4%	1	0.0%	0	3.4%	1	41.4%	12	51.7%	15	4.38	0.85	29
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	10.3%	3	10.3%	3	48.3%	14	31.0%	9	4.00	0.91	29
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	3.4%	1	17.2%	5	13.8%	4	41.4%	12	24.1%	7	3.66	1.12	29
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	13.8%	4	27.6%	8	20.7%	6	27.6%	8	10.3%	3	2.93	1.23	29
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	3.4%	1	3.4%	1	6.9%	2	31.0%	9	55.2%	16	4.31	0.99	29
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	3.4%	1	6.9%	2	37.9%	11	51.7%	15	4.38	0.76	29
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	3.6%	1	7.1%	2	39.3%	11	50.0%	14	4.36	0.77	28

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *If the tutorial requires a large download, inform participants ahead of time.*
- *It would have been helpful if the tutorial facilitators sent us instructions for downloading some of the material. I was able to follow along and have the information so that I can work through it again at home so it is okay. I think they learned the lesson that counting on conference internet for large downloads leads to heartburn.*
- *The hands-on portion with the Dartmouth people were passing around a USB stick to copy files to people's laptops because they didn't upload the files somewhere beforehand. Also, because the internet connectivity was very slow. Everyone that actually plugged in the USB stick needs to re/watch the IT security training video about USB sticks and how trojans and viruses spread. One person that did it was allegedly a chief security officer. Having people install Podman Desktop as part of the hands-on was also a bit strange as the user needs to have admin privileges in order to install it. The speaker (first half) was not only very knowledgeable, but also a very good speaker.*
- *More time should have been given for hands-on session. No one was able to keep up with the hands-on session, and the Internet speed was also very slow.*
- *Hands on portions were hamstrung by the Convention Center WiFi.*
- *The instructors did a great job preparing and presenting material. Lots of helpful information. I have two main suggestions for improvement: 1. The length of the session was too short, leaving far too little time for the hands-on portion of the workshop. 2. There were almost no power receptacles available to participants. This was a major shortcoming for what was intended to be a hands-on, computational skills workshop.*
- *The technical issues (slow network, projector issues) certainly are not the presenters' fault.*
- *The presentation was great but the tutorial material could have been organized better. Links to download the zip file could have been made available to everyone. Some of us came late and didn't get a chance to download the zip file. Hence, we couldn't keep up with the tutorial, which was a bit upsetting.*
- *hands-on were too fast, it was difficult to follow*
- *For the hands-on, we had to have some installation ready. As it takes time to install this requirement, we could have received a previous email message about coming with this setup beforehand.*
- *The tutorial required each participant to download many files, which could not be achieved with the available wifi bandwidth. The organizers could have provided the download instructions before the conference but didn't seem to realize this would be a problem. PEARC could perhaps warn the workshop/tutorial organizers about these kind of logistical issues in advance, and/or work with the venue to provide some kind solution during the conference (USB drives, on-premises file server, etc.)*
- *I learned a lot of new things from this tutorial. All presenters were very knowledgeable and enthusiastic in sharing their knowledge and work. The sample code worked! I was able to do the exercise on my own later that evening. Thank you!*
- *This should've been a full day workshop/tutorial. The speed of information presented made it incomprehensible. Then, the hands-on portion was led by people who (I don't think) have ever done a tutorial. The initial requirement to download a 90MB package on the congested wifi was poorly thoughtout. But then, they passed around 2 thumb drives with a 7GB file with the wrong arch. I don't know what they're plan was, but if this was it, it failed miserably.*
- *The information shared was very helpful and the follow-up materials are also good. The technical difficulties during the session were a problem and they could have had more people available to answer questions to fix some problems during the hands on. Overall, it was very informative and enjoyable.*
- *Need more time to cover tutorial hands on part*
- *WiFi was very slow. Most of us couldn't download the necessary package to fully participate in the tutorial. The instructor did a good job with the walkthrough though. So even though it wasn't really hands on experience, I was still able to follow and learn*

- *The zip file should've been provided also via a usb-c stick. Many users with more recent macbooks that only have usb-c ports and did not have an adaptor with them were unable to obtain the file that was needed to be able to fully participate in the hands on part of the tutorial.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *All materials and presentations could be available on the conference website or in the app, in a designated resource area.*
- *This kind of material is useful and informative. I like that the organizers did have all the steps well documented and available for me to follow along later at my own pace.*
- *I think this session could have also been broken up into two sessions: 1 hour for the coverage on various OpenLLMs, and 1 1/2-2 hours for the hands-on/workshop building of the on-premise OpenLLM environment. Some of the downloads took longer due to the WiFi speed. I really appreciate that the team from Dartmouth College made the files available on a USB drive.*
- *Have them attend a well run hands-on tutorial at sc25 where it's planned, has thumb drives for all participants (if large files are necessary), and works at a pace slower than the speed of light.*
- *We need a better internet connection at these events*
- *WiFi slowness made it difficult to work on hands on part of the workshop*
- *For tutorials that require downloading resources, it would be good to have an advance notice so we can prepare before we attend.*

Tutorial: Open OnDemand Overview, Customization, and App Development

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	25.0%	3	8.3%	1	50.0%	6	16.7%	2	3.58	1.04	12
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	46.2%	6	38.5%	5	15.4%	2	3.69	0.72	13
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	15.4%	2	53.8%	7	23.1%	3	3.92	0.83	13
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	7.7%	1	0.0%	0	76.9%	10	15.4%	2	4.00	0.68	13
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	16.7%	2	0.0%	0	66.7%	8	16.7%	2	3.83	0.90	12
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	25.0%	3	58.3%	7	8.3%	1	3.67	0.75	12
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	16.7%	2	58.3%	7	16.7%	2	3.83	0.80	12
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	41.7%	5	41.7%	5	16.7%	2	3.75	0.72	12
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.3%	1	75.0%	9	16.7%	2	4.08	0.49	12
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	16.7%	2	41.7%	5	33.3%	4	8.3%	1	3.33	0.85	12
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	33.3%	4	50.0%	6	0.0%	0	16.7%	2	0.0%	0	2.00	1.00	12
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	25.0%	3	41.7%	5	16.7%	2	3.50	1.12	12
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	33.3%	4	33.3%	4	16.7%	2	3.42	1.11	12
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	25.0%	3	41.7%	5	16.7%	2	3.50	1.12	12

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *Participants need to be told of the large `git pull` and the 4 GB `docker pull` ****before**** the day-of. There's no way the hotel or conference wifi could support that. I anticipated the session would spend more time on app development and customization, rather than being a "getting started from scratch". Good content, but not quite what I anticipated. As a OOD admin for 5+ years, most of what was covered was a review rather than new content.*
- *I had to leave this tutorial early due to technical difficulties with my laptop (no fault of the presenters). I could not properly follow the tutorial as my computer was non-functional. Had my computer been working, I think this would have perfectly fine (though maybe a bit fast) tutorial.*
- *I was not able to follow the exercises. Instructions were not possible to follow given the WiFi speeds and the amount of prep work the organizers assigned us that morning when I was attending other sessions.*
- *Seems like a sales pitch for OOD, never understood how to customize it. Assume audience is already a user, get right to making apps. That was in the description, but took too long to install. Send out ahead of time. Also spent first half of time telling us what is OOD, sponsors, etc. Do that in another intro talk if need it. Have a more advanced audience session.*
- *The network bandwidth was saturated, so it was impossible to download the necessary files to follow along interactively on my own computer. I even pre-downloaded the main container and prerequisite software as directed by the instructor's email. The subsequent downloads that we were supposed to do during the tutorial was just too much for the network to handle. Not being able to follow along in real time on my laptop kept me from getting what I wanted to get out of the tutorial.*
- *This workshop required an enormous download including GitHub repository and container images. Only a handful of people were able to download everything using the conference wifi. Additionally, no power strips were available. Both of these issues could have been resolved by an email before the conference. The presenters were local to the venue, so could easily have tested the available internet.*
- *Two screens would have helped. Leave one screen up with latest code tweaks, and second screen with what happens when you apply that code. my particular session required substantial downloads, which were not possible during the session considering the oversaturated wifi. Perhaps instructions to download 5-ish GBytes in advance would have helped, or passing around flash drives would have also worked. I got mine running by using the break to go back to my hotel, made it back to session two minutes late after downloads finished.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *WIFI at the conference sucked*
- *I know the network issue was out of the presenter's control, but I just wanted to pass this info along to the organizers, for future planning.*
- *Please send an email ahead of time to download all the required materials for the exercises. Also bring power strips. I'm also plus-minus about presenting material that is already freely available.*

Tutorial: The Streetwise Guide to Jupyter Security

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	7	5.00	0.00	7
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	71.4%	5	4.71	0.45	7
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	7	5.00	0.00	7
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	42.9%	3	57.1%	4	4.57	0.49	7
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *More specific guidelines/links for where to go for deeper dives on security components afterwards would be helpful - which is really more a comment on the state of Jupyter documentation - overall this was a great session; very nicely conducted and planned.*
- *This session was well-organized. The instructions were clear and the hands-on environment with cloud instances was a great way to learn and try out some of the concepts presented.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Workshop: Campus Champions and NAIRR: Empowering AI Research Facilitation Through Collaboration

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	47.1%	8	52.9%	9	4.53	0.50	17
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	47.1%	8	52.9%	9	4.53	0.50	17
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.9%	1	29.4%	5	64.7%	11	4.59	0.60	17
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.9%	1	41.2%	7	52.9%	9	4.47	0.61	17
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.8%	2	23.5%	4	64.7%	11	4.53	0.70	17
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.9%	1	52.9%	9	41.2%	7	4.35	0.59	17
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.8%	2	41.2%	7	47.1%	8	4.35	0.68	17
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.9%	1	35.3%	6	58.8%	10	4.53	0.61	17
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	8	50.0%	8	4.50	0.50	16
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	12.5%	1	0.0%	0	25.0%	2	25.0%	2	37.5%	3	3.75	1.30	8
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	6.7%	1	0.0%	0	53.3%	8	40.0%	6	4.27	0.77	15
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.8%	2	29.4%	5	58.8%	10	4.47	0.70	17
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	5.9%	1	5.9%	1	23.5%	4	64.7%	11	4.47	0.85	17
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	29.4%	5	70.6%	12	4.71	0.46	17

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *I am biased since I was a presenter/facilitator*
- *The open forum could have been more engaging, though I have no good ideas about how.*
- *Great job, Champions!*
- *Very valuable session.*
- *I wanted to learn more and wished that the sessions were longer or allocated a few more minutes in between sessions for transitions.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Workshop: Collaborating with K12 Schools: Supporting Secondary Students and Teachers in Computing

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	60.0%	3	40.0%	2	4.40	0.49	5
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	40.0%	2	40.0%	2	4.20	0.75	5
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	20.0%	1	60.0%	3	4.40	0.80	5
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	60.0%	3	40.0%	2	4.40	0.49	5
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	0.0%	0	40.0%	2	40.0%	2	4.00	1.10	5
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	40.0%	2	20.0%	1	40.0%	2	4.00	0.89	5
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	20.0%	1	20.0%	1	40.0%	2	3.80	1.17	5
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	40.0%	2	60.0%	3	4.60	0.49	5
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	20.0%	1	60.0%	3	4.40	0.80	5
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.00	0.00	0
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	20.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	60.0%	3	20.0%	1	3.60	1.36	5
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	1	40.0%	2	40.0%	2	4.20	0.75	5
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	40.0%	2	60.0%	3	4.60	0.49	5
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	40.0%	2	60.0%	3	4.60	0.49	5

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *It started 15 minutes late because of technical issues*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *Fantastic session with three great presentations on different universities' K12 outreach programs - I learned a lot and have a lot of notes! Thank you.*

Workshop: Expanding ACCESS: Tools and Innovations for the Broader Cyberinfrastructure Community

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	25.0%	1	50.0%	2	4.25	0.83	4
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	2	50.0%	2	4.50	0.50	4
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	2	50.0%	2	4.50	0.50	4
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	75.0%	3	25.0%	1	4.25	0.43	4
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	2	50.0%	2	4.50	0.50	4
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	50.0%	2	3.75	1.64	4
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.00	0.00	0
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	3	5.00	0.00	3
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	2	50.0%	2	4.50	0.50	4
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	50.0%	2	4.00	1.22	4
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	50.0%	2	4.00	1.22	4

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *There were very few participants compared to presenters.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Workshop: How Computational Infrastructures can Support Scalable AI-Readiness of Data to Power Collaboration

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	75.0%	3	4.50	0.87	4
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	75.0%	3	4.50	0.87	4
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	75.0%	3	25.0%	1	4.25	0.43	4
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	2	50.0%	2	4.50	0.50	4
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	2	50.0%	2	4.50	0.50	4
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	5.00	0.00	1
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	5.00	0.00	2
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	75.0%	3	4.50	0.87	4
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	0.0%	0	75.0%	3	4.50	0.87	4
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	25.0%	1	75.0%	3	4.75	0.43	4

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

[None]

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Workshop: HPC-as-a-Service: Enabling Self-Service Research Compute for the Masses Optimizing Research Workflows: Bridging HPC, Data Engineering, and AI

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.00	0.00	2
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.50	0.50	2
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.50	0.50	2
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.00	1.00	2
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3.00	0.00	2
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.50	0.50	2
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.00	1.00	2
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.50	0.50	2
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.00	0.00	1
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	100.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.00	0.00	1
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100.0%	2	0.0%	0	4.00	0.00	2
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.50	0.50	2
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	3.50	0.50	2
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.50	0.50	2

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

[None]

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

[None]

Workshop: WHPC: Collaboration, Community, Careers

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about the tutorial/workshop session you attended.

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending this session were achieved.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	66.7%	6	22.2%	2	4.11	0.57	9
The session was well organized.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	0.0%	0	55.6%	5	33.3%	3	4.11	0.87	9
The session description was accurate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	55.6%	5	44.4%	4	4.44	0.50	9
The presenter(s) stimulated my interest.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	44.4%	4	33.3%	3	4.11	0.74	9
I have a better understanding of this topic as a result of this experience.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	28.6%	2	42.9%	3	28.6%	2	4.00	0.76	7
I am confident that I can now incorporate this topic into my current or future work.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	75.0%	6	25.0%	2	4.25	0.43	8
The length of the session was appropriate.	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	0.0%	0	55.6%	5	22.2%	2	3.78	1.03	9
The content was presented clearly.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	44.4%	4	33.3%	3	4.11	0.74	9
The instructor to participant ratio in the session was adequate.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	55.6%	5	44.4%	4	4.44	0.50	9
The exercises / hands-on activities were adequate.	0.0%	0	12.5%	1	0.0%	0	25.0%	2	62.5%	5	4.38	0.99	8
I experienced few to no significant technological difficulties	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	14.3%	1	85.7%	6	4.86	0.35	7
I would recommend this tutorial / workshop to others.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	11.1%	1	22.2%	2	55.6%	5	4.22	1.03	9
For the amount invested, I am happy with what I've gained.	0.0%	0	11.1%	1	11.1%	1	33.3%	3	44.4%	4	4.11	0.99	9
Overall, I would rate my tutorial/workshop experience as successful.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	22.2%	2	33.3%	3	44.4%	4	4.22	0.79	9

Please share your thoughts or suggestions for improvement.

- *There could have been better timekeeping so that there was enough time for panel.*
- *The opportunity for the speed networking was fantastic! Thank you so much for a great session.*
- *Between the plenary and lightning talks, there was too much focus on hearing about people's career paths even though I did find inspiring takeaways from a few of the lightning talks. I would have preferred the speed networking go longer. Most people ignored the indications to switch because we were having good conversations. I ended up leaving before the discussion portion, but I did not think enough time was allotted to it in the schedule. The WHPC workshop provides a very necessary space and I don't think the workshop plan leveraged that enough, especially given the theme of collaboration. I would have preferred more interaction with the other attendees.*

Please share any additional comments or suggestions you may have.

- *There were too many talks, and not enough time for actual collaboration, which was part of the workshop and conference theme.*

PEARC25 Student Program Survey Results

Response rate: 71.1% (54/76)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your overall experience at PEARC25?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My goals for attending the conference were achieved.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	5.8%	3	40.4%	21	51.9%	27	4.42	0.69	52
I am interested in doing research involving advanced computing resources.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	11.5%	6	23.1%	12	63.5%	33	4.48	0.77	52
My background knowledge and skills were a sufficient foundation for participation in the overall conference.	0.0%	0	9.6%	5	13.5%	7	25.0%	13	51.9%	27	4.19	1.00	52
The student activities I attended were well organized.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	0.0%	0	28.8%	15	69.2%	36	4.65	0.58	52
I enjoyed the format of the student program activities.	0.0%	0	3.8%	2	9.6%	5	32.7%	17	53.8%	28	4.37	0.81	52
The student program was sufficiently integrated with the rest of the PEARC25 conference.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	4	38.5%	20	53.8%	28	4.46	0.63	52
The lightning talk experience was valuable.	2.1%	1	10.4%	5	22.9%	11	27.1%	13	37.5%	18	3.88	1.09	48
The lightning talk venue was conducive to a successful experience.	2.0%	1	12.2%	6	20.4%	10	30.6%	15	34.7%	17	3.84	1.09	49
I connected meaningfully with scientists and researchers who use research computing systems in their work.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	1.9%	1	36.5%	19	59.6%	31	4.54	0.63	52
I connected meaningfully with other students at the conference.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5.8%	3	21.2%	11	73.1%	38	4.67	0.58	52

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
I had sufficient financial support to attend PEARC25.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	9.6%	5	15.4%	8	75.0%	39	4.65	0.65	52
I would recommend this conference to other students.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	7.7%	4	9.6%	5	82.7%	43	4.75	0.58	52
Overall, I would rate my experience as successful.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	3.8%	2	23.1%	12	71.2%	37	4.63	0.65	52

If you disagree or strongly disagree with any of the statements above, please explain here.

- *I felt the lightning talk didn't add much value, as the listeners were mostly students waiting for their turn to talk. I feel that instead of having 30 students give a short talk about themselves, it would be better if they could talk about their projects or something else they are passionate about.*
- *I signed up for the student program without knowing exactly what I was looking for, but quickly realized I was not very interested in research and therefore there was nearly nothing for me here. I wouldn't say this means the program was bad, maybe just not for me. Still had a wonderful time meeting people and generally enjoyed my time, even if I wish at times there were more for me to do.*
- *Any of my gripes are equally my fault for having expectations. This is reflected in my "Disagree"s and "Neither"s instead of rating even lower :(Goals for attending conference, lightning talk was valuable, connecting meaningfully with scientists and researchers: It didn't feel like anyone outside of the student program was interested in students at all, especially at the job fair. Even though I've heard PEARC is better about this than other HPC conferences, I still would not recommend that students network in hopes of a job whatsoever. I would recommend they network just to create a list of companies to keep an eye on and to get career advice, which is a little disappointing. It was very hard to keep a positive attitude, but I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend and the funding. Thank you!*
- *The lightening talks were a. overlap with other sessions say job fair which all students want to attend so planning when to host lightening talks might be looked at Cal we have an 1 hr before poster or on opening day for the lightening talks (even in parallel) would be great. The poster session could have been organized better. Instructions were late and no poster no.s as guidelines. The cvent app was a little messed up in grouping papers in one track which was confusing*
- *The lightning talk venue wasn't the best. The area was too loud, but the mic didn't pick up people's voices well. Also, if possible, maybe there can be more choice for the first required presentations that were a part of the student program. The voyager presentation was quite boring.*
- *I disagreed with the fact that my background knowledge was sufficient enough to attend this conference as I am quite new to the HPC world and didn't fully understand all the concepts brought up. However, it has sparked my interest to explore the field.*
- *The lightning talk venue could have been better placed in my opinion. It felt like the talks were not very well attended because the stage was in the far corner. I was hoping that the stage would be placed in such a way that potential employers could view them better and more easily find talented students.*
- *The best student program that I've ever been part of. It's engrained with all other events which allowed me to connect with other students as well as gave me an opportunity to enjoy sessions.*

How valuable to you were each of the following activities?

	Not at all valuable (1)		Not very valuable (2)		Neutral value (3)		Valuable (4)		Extremely valuable (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
Pre-workshop Preparation Sessions	2.0%	1	2.0%	1	16.3%	8	34.7%	17	44.9%	22	4.18	0.92	49
Student Program Welcome & Orientation	0.0%	0	2.1%	1	10.4%	5	33.3%	16	54.2%	26	4.40	0.76	48
Workshop: Supercomputing Enabling Science (with SDSC Expanse, Voyager and PNRP)	6.4%	3	8.5%	4	27.7%	13	36.2%	17	21.3%	10	3.57	1.11	47
Team Building Activity	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	6.5%	3	30.4%	14	60.9%	28	4.50	0.71	46
Resume & Career Development Clinic	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.2%	4	24.5%	12	67.3%	33	4.59	0.64	49
Workshop: Supercomputing Made Simple: An Introduction to HPC with Anvil	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	21.7%	10	32.6%	15	43.5%	20	4.17	0.84	46
Workshop: Understanding the Review Process for a Successful Paper/Poster	2.1%	1	0.0%	0	12.8%	6	29.8%	14	55.3%	26	4.36	0.86	47
Workshop: How to Make the Most of PEARC	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	21.7%	10	26.1%	12	52.2%	24	4.30	0.80	46
Exec & Steering Committee Dinner	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	6.5%	3	28.3%	13	65.2%	30	4.59	0.61	46
Protégé-Mentor Program	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.2%	4	24.5%	12	67.3%	33	4.59	0.64	49
Protégé-Mentor Dinner	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	25.0%	12	70.8%	34	4.67	0.55	48
Student Volunteer Program Activities	4.0%	2	2.0%	1	8.0%	4	30.0%	15	56.0%	28	4.32	0.99	50
Student Lightning Talks	2.3%	1	9.1%	4	18.2%	8	31.8%	14	38.6%	17	3.95	1.07	44
Job Fair	2.1%	1	12.8%	6	23.4%	11	17.0%	8	44.7%	21	3.89	1.17	47
Poster and Visualization Showcase	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	6.7%	3	40.0%	18	51.1%	23	4.40	0.71	45
Tutorials and Workshops	0.0%	0	4.4%	2	11.1%	5	35.6%	16	48.9%	22	4.29	0.83	45
Technical Program (paper sessions, panels, BOFS, etc.)	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.4%	2	33.3%	15	62.2%	28	4.58	0.58	45
Tuesday, July 22 Plenary Session Valerie Taylor	0.0%	0	2.7%	1	10.8%	4	43.2%	16	43.2%	16	4.27	0.76	37

	Not at all valuable (1)		Not very valuable (2)		Neutral value (3)		Valuable (4)		Extremely valuable (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
Wednesday, July 23 Plenary Session Rosemarie Rossetti	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	17.5%	7	42.5%	17	40.0%	16	4.22	0.72	40
Thursday, July 24 Plenary Session Banding Together in Challenging Times	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	20.0%	6	40.0%	12	40.0%	12	4.20	0.75	30
Networking Social at COSI (Center of Science and Industry)	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2.4%	1	28.6%	12	69.0%	29	4.67	0.52	42

You indicated that you found at least one of the activities listed in the previous question to be “not very” or “not at all” valuable. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to address the deficiencies you experienced.

- *I felt the lightning talk didn't add much value, as the listeners were mostly students waiting for their turn to talk. I feel that instead of having 30 students give a short talk about themselves, it would be better if they could talk about their projects or something else they are passionate about.*
- *Pre-workshop preparation sessions: I assume this refers to the resume/pitch preparation Zoom meeting. I already knew most of the resume advice, and most of it was repeated at the in-person resume workshop on Sunday, so I didn't find it very valuable. However, I could see a student who hadn't prepared or recently updated their resume finding value in this session, so I don't think it should be removed. SDSC workshop: I'm a Computer Science major, and I'm interested in building software. It was impressive to see the wide variety of applications for SDSC's clusters, but I'm more interested in how these systems operate than what people do with them. I can see someone with a more science-heavy background finding the session valuable, but I do think it should have been a bit shorter and less comprehensive. Job Fair: I'm looking for software engineering-related internships for next summer, and most of the exhibitors were (understandably) hardware companies or resellers, so there wasn't much space for software engineering outside of labs like PNNL and PSC. I could see a student interested in systems engineering finding more value in this. It's also a bit early for the summer internship recruiting season, so it feels like the event is targeted at undergraduate seniors or graduate students looking for full-time roles, which is perfectly understandable! I know I'm in the minority as a second-year undergraduate, and the other sessions helped me prepare for an internship search later in the fall. July 22nd Plenary with Dr. Valeria Taylor: I feel like this would be a really good 20 to 30-minute research talk. It felt too specific to be a plenary in my opinion.*
- *The Supercomputing Enabling Science was kind of interesting, but maybe intended for a higher background level of experience or more specific background than I have.*
- *The job fair was quite underwhelming though I did manage to make a few potential connections and have some great conversations during it. For me, the SDSC and Anvil presentations at the beginning of the program didn't bring a whole lot of value. I could see it being valuable to earlier stage students, though.*
- *The tutorials and workshops I chose were a bit over my head as an undergrad, maybe pearc could suggest some for students who aren't super decided about which workshops to attend. The voyager presentation was very boring. I think the slides had too much text on them and the projects weren't simplified to be understood.*
- *The Supercomputing Enabling Science - SDSC Expanse, Voyager, PNRP was very boring. None of the students I talked to even remembered what the presentation was about. I believe that attending highly technical workshops like that should be the choice of the student like the rest of the conference, instead of it being a*

required segment. I feel like the student program should focus on events about making the most of the program and how to develop professionally (think resume review, interview prep, job fair, ect) or socialization with your peers (think COSI, team building, ect)

- For future events, I suggest incorporating more companies into the job fair, if possible. I also recommend separating the poster and data visualization showcases into dedicated sessions (e.g., organized by theme) or holding a separate coffee session for them. It was challenging to engage meaningfully with the posters while simultaneously attending the dinner. Additionally, instead of having a pre-program session for writing a resume, I would recommend sending out a "how-to-write a resume" guide to students. Lastly, I would recommend moving the SDSU virtual presentation to Sunday morning instead of Saturday evening and shortening the presentation duration from 1 hour to 30 minutes.
- The job fair had little or no direction to it. Unless the point of the job fair was to talk to exhibitors about their exhibitions (and not hiring positions), I failed to get much career-focused experience out of it. Otherwise, it was a fantastic exhibition!
- I showed up to fulfill my duties as a student volunteer. The first instance I was more or less told my help was not needed. The second instance I could not find where we needed to go to work.

What improvements and/or new activities would you suggest for the PEARC Student Program?

- Speed Networking with researchers and other professionals. Preferred or suggested workshops or sessions advising based on interest of student. Allowing volunteers to give preference on the workshop or session they would like to volunteer for. I felt the lightning talk didn't add much value, as the listeners were mostly students waiting for their turn to talk. I feel that instead of having 30 students give a short talk about themselves, it would be better if they could talk about their projects or something else they are passionate about.
- The student program was amazing! I can't really think of any large improvements. My only (tiny) critique of the program itself is that the daily 8am student program check-ins were hard to find because they weren't on the Cvent schedule and the location changed after Monday. I know there was a Google Doc with that information, but in the moment I couldn't remember if it was sent out via email or Slack, so I just relied on others to know where we were going.
- The organization for Pearc25 student program was impeccable. I am genuinely grateful to be a part of it: I'm looking forward to attending again next year.
- The registration for student ACM members was not straightforward. Also, I was very tired after 6 days of programming, so I found myself taking more quiet breaks towards the end of the week. However, I think it is worth this to have the student program before the rest of the conference.
- Please integrate the student's program and the volunteering shifts into the app (Cevent) itself. Thank you for your time and consideration.
- Some of the students and I ended up doing this anyways, but I think it might be helpful to make student groups for software devs, machine learning, networking, cybersecurity etc. and then the student program could recommend certain conference activities based on those interests. That might help to make the activity decision process a bit easier for students.
- Given how packed the schedule was, the only improvements or other activities I'd ask for is wishful at best: finding another way to get more students to talk with others outside their home institutions. This could be achieved through arbitrary numbering and shuffling the room during the team building exercise or some other intentional mini activity that splits people off from their cliques. One game might be for groups of 5 (or whatever divides the group evenly) or bigger to be formed out of the most institutionally and departmentally diverse groups, subject to final judge approval. This needs refinement, but the purpose is to force students to try to talk quickly with others outside their program an additional time.
- I would suggest that we review some technical papers, as well as the survey-based one, because I believe that would be more relevant for all types of student research.

- *The one on one lunch session with plenary speakers gave us time to unwind and think like a non tech non HPC person. More session around student program just lead by students for students without organizers to have all questions about PEARC so they can be more open about the conference and separate session for them to plan the conference and how to plan it would be helpful as some struggled on what to attend and how to reach out presenters for presentations*
- *I think an optional grad school presentation would be nice for undergraduates who aren't familiar with grad school. It could include how to apply and the benefits of industry vs grad school. Some of the grad students in the program could talk about their experiences.*
- *The lighting talk could have made more sense if it would have reached to larger audiences. The job fair was okay, could have added more engineering people there.*
- *More interview prep would be nice, we had it but it wasn't a big focus. For resume reviews I believe we should have reviewers assigned based on our field, instead of it being random. This can prevent less helpful reviews when the background of the reviewer is completely unrelated to the background of the resume.*
- *The second day of the program was very long, and I was tired by the end. I'm not sure how to improve that; I wouldn't discard any activities. Also, I took this survey before the final plenary session, so I wasn't sure how to answer the question. I marked that I did not attend, which is technically correct, but I will probably attend later today.*
- *I think the student program was very well planned Everyone was very supportive and helpful. I think one thing for maybe people that haven't interacted with HPC system maybe having a hands on exercise would be good. Maybe the sessions with Anvil I actually would have loved to see case study with GeoAI explored more in detail*
- *I would recommend incorporating student-program specific workshops on Monday that are focused solely on education (e.g., how to deploy a container, Kubernetes crash-course), as nearly all were focused solely on HPC administrators and staff.*
- *Adjust the approach to the job fair Invite career/industry mentors and professionals to student workshops/sessions*
- *I would suggest that the next time, the job fair should be more about organizations letting students know of the opportunities available and be more technical.*
- *Mostly, the structure and format of the program was great! However, I feel there were a few scheduling things that I would have thought to be very easy to fix. For example, many people were scheduled to volunteer during the scheduled time for the job fair.*
- *Maybe a short prep for the lightning talks.*
- *Very Good Student Program! I enjoyed it!*
- *For the resume clinic it would be valuable if the reviewers have something showing their position so students can choose someone who is related to the field*
- *I would make the student program not have so many events but rather to focus on letting students talk and meet with each other*
- *I don't have any suggestions at this time.*
- *In general, it is an amazing program that I have never attended. If we have to extra have some advice, I might think 1. Maybe the checkin time can vary? Night sometimes might work 2. Some tech workshops might be more helpful if materials can be shared ahead of time? Students can come with more prepared*
- *Mock interviews for jobs would be helpful since PNNL was doing interviews during the Job Fair.*
- *Everything was awesome, if there's one thing I want to say is would be regarding the job fair. I think there were no technical people there from whose experience we could learn or maybe build a connection which would lead to a referral. There were sales people who had generic answer to apply over the portal. No hard feelings towards them but I was looking for something that could make me stand out in the application process.*
- *a better map*
- *A tighter schedule, enhanced inclusion, and better speakers.*

- *Maybe the lightning talks could happen during lunch on the larger stage, so it's easier to do them without schedule conflict.*
- *Improving the lightning program or removing it. There was no one listening to the lightning talk so didn't provide us the exposure that the program promised.*
- *None so far*

Which PEARC25 presentations did you enjoy most and why?

- *Student Program Paper Review Session: this was extremely valuable. Every time I read an entire paper, the next one feels much more accessible to me, and it was fascinating to see the PEARC reviewer guidelines, learn about the review process, and put myself in the shoes of an actual reviewer with an actual paper. Poster Session: I loved talking to people about their research. I knew people would be excited to talk about their work, but I wasn't expecting to have such good conversations with the presenters. I wish I had much more time to check out all the posters, and I didn't even get to see the visualizations! This is tied with the paper review session as my favorite part of PEARC25. Resume Workshop and Reviews: It was really valuable to talk with professionals in HPC and get their feedback and ask questions. Favorite Plenary: Unbreakable: Cultivating Professional and Personal Resilience in a World of Disruption: This plenary was engaging and motivational. Everyone can use some motivation! Favorite BOF: Navigating Open-Source Software Commercialization: From Infancy to Maturity - I liked that the presentation portion of this BOF was really short, letting the audience contribute for the majority of the session. Favorite talks: 1. The National Research Platform: Stretched, Multi-Tenant, Scientific Kubernetes Cluster - The idea of one massive Kubernetes cluster sounds so simple, yet it's really impressive that it works at such a scale. 2. CodeDocs: GenAI to generate documentation from Git repositories - The presenters were engaging, had good slides, and their paper is a short paper on a software system, so I'm taking inspiration from it to write my first paper. 3. OS Upgrades in an HPC environment - It was interesting seeing all the HPC professionals in the audience talking about how they were navigating the same transition.*
- *I really enjoyed the Wednesday plenary speech. Dr. Rossetti was very inspiring in how she overcame disability and achieved success as a woman in her career. I also enjoyed tutorial 7: deploying the littlest jupyterhub on jetstream2.*
- *My favorite parts were poster/paper sessions and hearing about people's research or projects. Also, I liked attending BOFs. I found the tutorial/workshops I picked were interesting and useful, but a little over my head.*
- *I enjoyed the Jupyter Notebook security vulnerability workshop and the discussion about NIST 800-171 compliance. The student program resume workshop was also incredibly valuable.*
- *The workshop on unified CPU-GPU memory was a great sampling of some forward thinking research for what could become incredibly important to the entire computing community, and yet it was humble and precise in their reporting of current results and capabilities. I thought this was quite a special experience to observe*
- *Fine-Tuning and Deploying Domain-Specific AI Models with NVIDIA NeMo, and NIM.*
- *I enjoyed the first plenary talk very much, as well as the "Fine-Tuning and Deploying Domain-Specific AI Models with NVIDIA NeMo, BioNeMo, and Nim" workshop.*
- *The plenary, the tech talks, the poster*
- *I liked the WHPC workshop on Monday and it was more interactive and insightful than the other workshops. I also liked the GreenCrossingAI and Posits talks on Tuesday since I was interested in those areas and the ideas were communicated very well.*
- *Enjoyed the workshop "Collaborative AI Infrastructure: Open Source MLOps with AMD Instinct GPUs", for a good look at AMD's GPU products and the backing software. The demo included was also quite fun.*
- *I extremely enjoyed "Programming and Profiling Modern Multicore Processors", presented by the staff at TACC. I learned some things that I hadn't encountered in my beginner training in parallel programming, and they gave us access to a cluster where we could practice modifying codes to improve their performance.*
- *I would say Ms. Taylor's talk was very insightful and clear on what it was meant to do and very digestible for me who's not the most computer sciencey*
- *I enjoyed the resume review and lot it was really informative and also the elevator pitch session*
- *I really enjoyed the keynote speaker (Dr. Valerie Taylor) on Tuesday and the Wednesday 15-min. presentations. As someone who is currently doing research on LLMs and is seeking grad school opportunities*

for next fall, I found these two events the most valuable to not only my research but also my professional development.

- *Aws bedrock tutorial was directly applicable to my research The poster presentations showcased a variety of student experiences*
- *I really enjoyed the Resume clinic and WHPC session*
- *Rosemary's presentation was different and awesome.*
- *I enjoyed the presentations about some software that we use daily back at home by the people in charge of said software. It was incredible being able to put a face to the people in charge of maintaining all of that important stuff.*
- *I enjoyed the ML model for camera tracking because it is a fascinating system and an interesting topic about how they use ML to track animals and monitor their behaviors.*
- *resume and peer review, it is very useful!*
- *Pelican tutorial! It was a very introductory tutorial but very helpful*
- *The paper session regarding GPU utilization*
- *I liked the plenary session with Rosemarie Rossetti and I also liked the session called Collaborating Your Way to Sustainability.*
- *Exhibition and Posters/Visualization Showcase It is most interactive way*
- *I really enjoyed Wednesdays Software and Systems session at 11-12:30 because I got to meet some really cool people and learn cool information.*
- *i don't have a favorite*
- *I enjoyed the workshop where AWS engineers showed us how to set up a multi-agentic workflow on Amazon Bedrock.*
- *Most of the software development talks*
- *Workshop -6 (talking about shared memory between GPUs and CPUs) I thought was really interesting when they got to talking about the processor level.*

Did you participate in the PEARC25 Protégé-Mentor Program?

	%	Count
Yes	94.1%	48
No, but considered	5.9%	3
No, and did not consider	0.0%	0
No, I didn't know about it	0.0%	0
Total	100%	51

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your experience in the PEARC25 Protégé-Mentor Program?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
The scope of the Protégé-Mentor program met my expectations.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	10.4%	5	29.2%	14	60.4%	29	4.50	0.68	48
My mentor was knowledgeable and could answer my questions.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	20.8%	10	75.0%	36	4.71	0.54	48
I had enough time to talk to my mentor during the conference.	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	4.2%	2	37.5%	18	54.2%	26	4.42	0.76	48
I have a plan for keeping in touch with my mentor after the conference.	2.1%	1	4.2%	2	4.2%	2	39.6%	19	50.0%	24	4.31	0.89	48
I would recommend the Protégé-Mentor program to my peers.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4.2%	2	20.8%	10	75.0%	36	4.71	0.54	48

You indicated that you “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with at least one of the statements in the previous question. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to improve the PEARC conference experience.

- *Even better matching between mentor and protege would be great, but we all know that matching can be a bit difficult!*
- *My mentor wasn't very talkative and it was difficult to connect with him, though my friends said that they enjoyed it*
- *no formal communication policy or procedure*
- *I haven't come up with a plan for communicating with my mentor in the future yet*

How did you hear about the PEARC conference? Please select all that apply.

	%	Count
A previous Student Program participant	7.7%	4
Another conference	1.9%	1
College	36.5%	19
Department	17.3%	9

Faculty advisor	40.4%	21
HPCUniversity.org website	0.0%	0
Shodor website	0.0%	0
Student organization	3.8%	2
ACCESS website, event, and/or training	11.5%	6
Other (please specify):	26.9%	14
Total	100%	52

Other (please specify):

- *ACCESS STEP program*
- *Ms-CC program*
- *Purdue Anvil REU Internship Program*
- *Supervisor at work*
- *My REU*
- *LBNL NERSC mentor*
- *I don't remember. I probably used Google to search for conferences related to High Performance Computing, and PEARC25 was a result. The focused on research computing worked well because I have some connections with academics, and the Columbus location was great for me.*
- *Anvil REU*
- *MS-CC Internship*
- *PEARC Website*
- *Internship program (MS-CC)*
- *PSC*
- *Mentors at Oak Ridge National Laboratory*

In addition to the Student Program, in which conference track did you primarily participate?

	%	Count
Applications and Software track	26.5%	13
Systems and Systems Software track	8.2%	4
Workforce Development, Training, Education and Community track	8.2%	4
Tutorials and Workshops	40.8%	20
General/Plenaries	4.1%	2
Panel Sessions	0.0%	0

Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions	2.0%	1
Presentation-only Abstracts	2.0%	1
Posters & Visualization	8.2%	4
Total	100%	49

Please select all of the following statements that apply to you:

	%	Count
This was my first time attending a PEARC conference.	88.0%	44
I use ACCESS resources (e.g., computational, training, outreach, etc.) for my research/coursework.	26.0%	13
I attended as part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program.	18.0%	9
I attended as part of an ACCESS program.	4.0%	2
I attended as part of MS-CC Climate Science Program.	10.0%	5
My attendance was adequately supported by full or partial funding from the PEARC Student Program.	82.0%	41
I self-funded my attendance at PEARC25.	6.0%	3
I incurred a significant financial burden to attend PEARC25.	2.0%	1
Total	100%	50

What is your academic status?

	%	Count
Postdoctoral fellow	0.0%	0
Graduate student	48.0%	24
Undergraduate student	52.0%	26
High school student	0.0%	0
Other (please specify):	0.0%	0

Total	100%	50
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Please describe your institution. Select all that apply.

	%	Count
EPSCoR institution	6.1%	3
Minority-serving institution	8.2%	4
Associate’s college (all degrees are at the associate’s level)	2.0%	1
Baccalaureate college/university	38.8%	19
Master’s college/university	38.8%	19
Doctorate-granting university	44.9%	22
Teaching-focused institution	26.5%	13
Research-focused institution	55.1%	27
Government lab (or other federally-funded research and development center)	4.1%	2
Non-profit organization (non-academic)	4.1%	2
Corporate or industrial organization	0.0%	0
Non-US institution	2.0%	1
Other (please describe):	2.0%	1
Total	100%	49

Other (please describe):

- *State-funded organization (Ohio Supercomputing Center)*

Please describe your race/ethnicity (select all that apply):

	%	Count
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0
Asian	46.9%	23
Black or African-American	22.4%	11
Hispanic or Latino	4.1%	2
Middle Eastern or North African	2.0%	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0
White	28.6%	14
Prefer to self-describe:	4.1%	2
Prefer not to disclose	2.0%	1
Total	100%	49

Prefer to self-describe:

- *Nepali*

What best describes your gender?

	%	Count
Male	43.8%	21
Female	52.1%	25
Prefer to self-describe:	0.0%	0
Prefer not to disclose	4.2%	2
Total	100%	48

What is the highest level of education achieved by your parent(s) and/or guardian(s)?

	%	Count
High school or less	16.3%	8
Some college	10.2%	5
Associate's (two-year) degree	4.1%	2
Bachelor's degree	14.3%	7
Master's degree	32.7%	16
Professional doctoral degree (e.g., MD/DO, EdD, DMD, DDS, OD, EED, DSc, etc.)	4.1%	2
PhD	16.3%	8
Other (please specify):	2.0%	1
Total	100%	49

Other (please specify):

- *No education*

Please note any additional comments you would like to make regarding the PEARC25 Student Program or the conference itself.

- *Participating in the PEARC25 Student Program was an incredibly valuable experience. It provided a unique opportunity to engage with experts and peers in advanced research computing, AI, cloud technologies, and workflow optimization. The program's hands-on sessions and mentorship allowed me to deepen my technical knowledge, gain exposure to cutting-edge tools and practices, and build meaningful professional connections. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute as a student participant and look forward to applying what I've learned to future research and collaborative projects.*
- *To the student program committee: Thank you so much for creating and running this program! I loved my experience, and it has made academic research and HPC feel much more accessible to me. As a part of the paper review session, the paper we read had a quote from an interview along the lines of "I didn't know these jobs existed!" That was me this January. I applied to Purdue's Anvil REU program because I was interested in the software project I'm working on, but I didn't know anything about HPC or research computing. It's amazing how welcoming and accessible PEARC is to newcomers like me, and I think the student program played a huge part in that through activities like the Team Building session and the How To Succeed at PEARC panel. This was my first conference, and I think it was the best possible first conference for a student like me.*
- *I had a Superb experience. Thank you so much.*
- *This was an amazing experience and it far exceeded my expectations! I think the lanyard badges were so cool, definitely do that again! Everyone involved with the student program was incredibly helpful and fostered a safe, fun environment for us students. I honestly wish I had signed up for more than two volunteer activities, and I'm interested in helping with the student program next year! A huge thank you to the entire student program :)*
- *Thank you so much for organizing this program! I had a great time learning about different HPC disciplines, and I had never realized before how large this field is. It really inspired me. Also, the student program was great, I changed my resume quite a bit and I did get an interview for PNNL, so I feel that may have contributed. It was also very helpful for practicing how to converse and network.*
- *The student program exceeded my expectations. I came to the conference wanting to learn more about research computing, in particular HPC and parallel programming. I learned more about that topic, particularly through a Monday tutorial, but through the student program I also learned that I can make connections with people in the field of research computing, that I can present myself in a good light when I become a job candidate, that I can be confident that the career that I want exists, and that I am capable of learning the knowledge needed to participate. At the conference I learned that the field of research computing is extremely welcoming to newcomers, and I'm excited about exploring the field more with my mentor this year.*
- *Post links to sign up for committee*
- *PEARC25 was an amazing experience*
- *The activities involving interacting with other people and students made integrating with people you have not met much easier.*
- *Thank you very much for the opportunity! It has been a strongly valuable experience. Since I come from another country and I found out this conference thanks to my summer program advisor then I could advice to give more international visualization, I'm sure plenty of my colleges would love to come and learn about everything I've learned this few days! Again, thank you very much!*
- *Please make sure that your committee members or staff recognize when people are not attending a conference and pose a security risk. I was approached by a non attendee and he was asking me invasive questions. Regan assumed that I knew the man (I did not; he was not dressed for the conference nor did he have a badge) and left me alone with him.*

- *Along with my major being in the field of computing, my minor is in a whole other world with it being Japanese. I didn't think I'd get to meet someone who was Japanese to practice my foreign speaking skills, but I did and it made my conference experience so much fun.*
- *NA*
- *better schedule with room numbers and a detailed map*
- *Great conference! Would have loved if it was full week*
- *No comments, I really enjoyed the conference*
- *The job fair and the Student-Mentor program felt extremely valuable and important, especially for some real world experience with faculty, employers, and working professionals.*

PEARC25 Mentor Program Survey Results

Response rate: 50.7% (36/71)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your role as a mentor at PEARC25?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
The scope of the Protégé-Mentor Program met my expectations.	2.8%	1	2.8%	1	8.3%	3	36.1%	13	50.0%	18	4.28	0.93	36
The Protégé-Mentor Program worked well.	2.8%	1	2.8%	1	5.6%	2	38.9%	14	50.0%	18	4.31	0.91	36
I was satisfied with the protégé/mentor matching process.	0.0%	0	11.1%	4	16.7%	6	16.7%	6	55.6%	20	4.17	1.07	36
The Protégé-Mentor dinner was successful.	2.9%	1	2.9%	1	11.8%	4	29.4%	10	52.9%	18	4.26	0.98	34
I had sufficient opportunities to talk to my protégé during the conference.	5.6%	2	2.8%	1	11.1%	4	44.4%	16	36.1%	13	4.03	1.04	36
I engaged meaningfully with my protégé.	2.9%	1	2.9%	1	11.4%	4	22.9%	8	60.0%	21	4.34	0.98	35
I plan on keeping in touch with my protégé after the conference.	5.6%	2	0.0%	0	13.9%	5	36.1%	13	44.4%	16	4.14	1.03	36
I was given sufficient guidance from the planning committee to adequately prepare for my mentor role at PEARC25.	0.0%	0	2.8%	1	2.8%	1	33.3%	12	61.1%	22	4.53	0.69	36
I would recommend that others participate in the Protégé-Mentor Program in future years.	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	8.3%	3	27.8%	10	63.9%	23	4.56	0.64	36

You indicated that you “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with at least one of the statements in the previous question. Please share any insights that could help future conference organizers to improve the PEARC conference experience.

- *It was a great experience overall. There was a good mix of mentors and mentees in terms of diversity of backgrounds. The recognition given to mentors and mentees through badges was well done. Things for improvement: Have more information from the mentees prior to the matching so that a better fit can be arranged. Have a more systematic way for mentors and mentees to connect during the dinner.*
- *My protege and I had almost nothing in common. I was able to give some generic advice on what to do at the conference, but didn't have anybody in my network with useful experiences with which to connect him.*
- *There a couple of things that I feel wasn't sufficient. 1) This year you're expecting a year long commitment to mentoring, which I feel hasn't been given enough materials for it to last a year. 2) Last year it was only a commitment for during the conference and not afterwards (which is probably why you didn't have as many mentors signup this year).*
- *It was difficult to meet up with my protege, even at the dinner meant for that purpose. We could have used more help in finding each other at the dinner (such as with the assigned seats of PEARC '24), and could have used more specific events during the conference in which we were meant to meet up. We did manage to have lunch together one day, but overall it seemed like our schedules were not very compatible. Or perhaps we were both overwhelmed with all the activities of the conference. At least we were able to communicate over Slack - that helped somewhat.*
- *I don't think protege matching was very effective in my case. My protege's career interests and my experience did not have much of an overlap. I am also not sure what guidance my protege got before the conference. I found their communication to be quite lacking. The protege-mentor dinner was a very useful event. But I would recommend that for future events organizers arrange a protege-mentor session on day zero, to ensure that all proteges and mentors are on the same page about the goals and expectations of the program.*
- *The matching seemed opaque and suddenly I recieved an email with my match. It would have been very helpful to get a photo of my mentee so I knew who to look for at the dinner. I think meeting everyday of the conference is a bit much to ask. Unfortunately, my mentee was not very responsive or engaged.*
- *My student did not go to dinner or reply to my messages. Maybe it was anxiety or another issue; maybe some orientation about anxiety and how to cope with it could help.*

What are some of the strengths of the PEARC Protégé-Mentor Program?

- *Good give and take information between the mentor and protege. This also adds some meanings to the conference.*
- *Having it early on gave time to connect during the week*
- *meet in-person the mentees*
- *Pairing people with diverse experiences with the next generation of RCD professionals Giving ample opportunity and time for proteges and mentors to meet*
- *Dinner, matching mentors with mentees*
- *It not only gave the protege an opportunity to network and talk with others, but it also gave me as the mentor the opportunity to network through the protege and the friends that he had made via student events.*
- *I enjoyed very much interacting with my PEARC25 Protege. We were connected before the conference and had already a lot to continue talking about during the conference. I would encourage every Mentor to connect with their protege prior to the conference.*
- *It's a great opportunity to transfer experience and knowledge in particular domain of expertise to someone who is very new in this area. Instead of spending days or weeks to reach out to such information, your mentor can easily give this information for free. My another experience was, my protege didn't know where to start or where to go through. At the end of our conversation at the dinner, he had clear roadmap for the next steps.*
- *This is a large and well done program, with good opportunities provided during the conference to connect.*
- *You feed the students (When I participated in the SC student program, there wasn't a meal program to ensure students were fed). You push for longer mentorship experiences outside of the conference, which SC was done after the conference was done.*
- *The fact that it pairs up people based on their background/interests. That gives some common ground with which to start conversations. The fact that the dinner is a specific event for us to meet up at. The structure of that meet-up helps smooth some awkwardness of two strangers trying to get to know one another.*
- *I love making new connections and helping folks coming up in our community through this program.*
- *The matching has been very good for me, I've been matched with students I've felt I could help. This year I think was a particularly good match.*
- *Great energy and well managed. Thank you!*
- *The intentional structure of the program and the ahead-of-time communication and recommendations helps guide the interactions between the mentor and student. The program has gotten better every year I've participated in it.*
- *Having mentors in HPC in general when students are typically restricted to those of a degree or specialization.*
- *Helping others thrive in their academic/career pursuits*
- *The intent and persuasion.*
- *Good regular communications.*
- *Great opportunity to connect with students, being able to share experiences and (hopefully) be helpful in navigating the conference and the HPC industry.*
- *Having included in my comments in previous page*
- *I feel like this program is really enriching the experience I have at PEARC. I think my students feel like the program really puts effort into giving them opportunities to draw the attention of the community to assist with finding jobs, sharing contacts, etc.*
- *Empower mentee & rejuvenate mentor*
- *Give students a guide for the conference, build relationships*
- *I think this is a very useful program. My sense is that the students I met, especially the one I was paired with, were making excellent use of the program, as it was designed.*
- *Creating a network of individuals with common mindsets and goals.*

- *Materials given to prepare for it Enough but not too many activities during the conferences One-to-one matching*
- *HPC is unique in that it has no single entry point into the field. This is a fantastic program to expose students to the richness of the community and the variety of origin stories of the people in it.*

How can the PEARC Protégé-Mentor Program be improved?

- *More emphasis on meeting before the conference*
- *create training sessions*
- *Try to meet on Saturday and Sunday for mentors that come in early (maybe an evening get-together with RCD trivia/Q&A for those were are there)*
- *Perhaps emphasizing the value of time with mentors. My mentee ghosted me after the dinner this year. My mentee from last year was much more engaged and sent questions several months after the meeting.*
- *I think structured meetings or encouragement to do so might have helped other pairings. I witnessed some protege's only meeting with their mentors once or twice.*
- *I was very happy with the matching process. Probably, the only thing that would improve the program is group photo right after the dinner, and give swags for moral boost.*
- *It'd be great to have dedicated slots (like during coffee breaks) for mentoring sync points, because otherwise it might be tricky to find timeslots where we're both free.*
- *More emphasis on the connections between the mentors and proteges: possibly a list of keywords that each can fill out before the program so that the matching is a little more on point.*
- *There should be more material provided to try and increase the mentor protege program to ensure the experience lifts proteges even further along.*
- *Encourage mentors and proteges to send each other a good picture for ease of finding one another. Offer reasons why they were matched to initiate conversation. And send more reminders to us busy mentors to contact our protege early (more than a day or two before the conference begins).*
- *Maybe suggest that protégés share their resume or CV with their mentors ahead of the conference to provide feedback. We realized during dinner that it would have been helpful to look at it together before the conference, in case the student would like to make any edits before the career fair.*
- *I was intrigued that some of the exhibitors served as mentors. This cross-pollination is especially important in the current job market.*
- *We might consider expanding on the improvements made to the instruction packet to also include expectations and guidelines around social interactions. Especially in cases where the mentor and student come from different cultural backgrounds to establish optional boundaries from either party upfront.*
- *Consider another set event on Thursday for debriefing.*
- *Holding the protege and mentors accountable with a central authority. Open for viewing records of contact. An initial meet-greet(?). Removing people from the list in real time if not active.*
- *I think asking mentors what attributes of theirs are likely to be most useful might help to make better matches.*
- *include photos, provide more details during the introduction about mentee and mentor. Include photos of mentee and mentor.*
- *Didn't feel there was a lot of direction at the dinner. Protege and I can from different focuses (Systems vs. Programming); go back and forth thinking if it would be better for them to be interested in my field (could provide more specific advice), or whether the current different perspectives is actually better. And I'm sure such a matching would be difficult-to-impossible to actually implement, so it's probably fine as is.*
- *N/A*
- *Two things come to mind. One, that the the 8 am "check in" time might have been negatively impacting other aspects of the program. Students might have been sacrificing rest, or opportunities to network and*

socialize later in the evening just to get to the check in time. I heard that it didn't even feel like they were "doing" anything once they showed up at check in besides reporting what their day looks like, which doesn't take very long. So perhaps, shifting the check in time a little later, or perhaps having more activities students are supposed to engage in when they arrive would help?

- *Some keywords of foci may improve matching*
- *I think having one more activity other than the dinner where the protege and mentors plan to connect would be beneficial.*
- *Maybe there could be some post dinner activities to keep people engaged*
- *I would only add a fireside chat activity only for students in which folks across different career stages and sectors could speak about their individual journeys and later field questions, focused more on the person than the specific achievements.*

Please share with us any ideas you might have for joint Protégé-Mentor activities at future conferences.

- *virtual first meeting, morning/breaktime coffees*
- *abstract paper presentations to the students*
- *I think other events to go outside of the conference could be a great idea and would make for a more casual environment of networking.*
- *Like I indicated, connecting prior to the conference. I am planning to reach out to my Protege's advisor as I would like to continue to mentor him and expose him to opportunities. By coordinating with his advisor will be even more beneficial for him.*
- *As a mentor, things are changing almost everyday in our domain of professional. Sharing these with someone who is new to this domain would be a great opportunity to remind ourselves hey refresh your knowledge and these are the basics and fundamentals.*
- *The dinner is great and opportunities there are great. I would suggest also putting together a room for for one of the coffee breaks later in the week.*
- *An outing (similar to the all-PEARC social event) for mentors and proteges to go somewhere interesting and maybe related. PEARC bingo or scavenger hunt - find things, topics, people at PEARC that represent the conference and what it's about (with each mentor/protege pair as a team).*
- *This year was different for me. My protégé was only 5 years younger than me and felt more like a colleague than mentee. That said, Courtney and I found places where I could connect her to new resources and will be following up post PEARC. I would suggest that perhaps a returning adult student button needs to be added to the mentee survey.*
- *I invited my protégé to a morning coffee with the Northeaster WHPC chapter. She was able to get some additional perspective other than my own that I think was helpful. It might be good to do some kind of meetup with other professional groups like this, and having the mentor there to introduce them to other people is helpful for breaking the ice.*
- *In some years there as a been a student-program reception/event as a dinner and social function (e.g., at a venue with games like bowling). It could be nice if the mentor is around on that Sunday evening to invite all mentors to the event as well to allow for "fun" activities apart from the more formal setting of the Monday dinner.*
- *Breakfast on Thursday; Priority/separate tours of centers*
- *Ask the protege to provide 3 questions while signing up. Ask mentor to provide 3 ideas to engage a prospective protege while signing up. Else, it becomes very broad and unfocused.*
- *virtual meet up before the conference*
- *It is all good.*
- *I think having one last lunch/snack event for the program at the end of the conference might be a good way to help pairs debrief and discuss how they want to proceed with the connection going forward. Without a*

formal event like this I think the tendency is to say "lets unpack the experience after we finish traveling" and for a few reasons this might not be as optimal. Either folks get busy and don't schedule the meeting, or by that time many of the finer details or events in the conference been forgotten which makes the debrief less robust.

- open discussion sessions for any mentee to ask questions, and any mentor to answer, or divide by focus group may help
- Mock interviews could be fun if there's interest. Build-a-resume may be beneficial. Or even going through the application process for relevant positions. If you're looking for more technical things to do-- building the linux kernel from source could be an interesting exercise, or building source code in general. There could also be a sort of 'project show and tell' that highlights something impactful the protege's and mentors have completed.
- A (creativity) skill-building mini project discussed and prepared for before the conference

Please indicate your race/ethnicity. Select all that apply.

	%	Count
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0
Asian	22.2%	8
Black or African American	8.3%	3
Hispanic or Latino	2.8%	1
Middle Eastern or North African	5.6%	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0
White	58.3%	21
Prefer to self-describe:	2.8%	1
Prefer not to disclose	8.3%	3
Total	100%	36

Prefer to self-describe:

- *European*

Please indicate your gender.

	%	Count
Male	72.2%	26
Female	19.4%	7
Prefer to self-describe:	2.8%	1
Prefer not to disclose	5.6%	2
Total	100%	36

Prefer to self-describe:

- *non-binary*

What is your job title or academic status? Please select the response that best describes your association with the Protégé-Mentor Program.

	%	Count
Instructor	5.7%	2
Assistant professor	8.6%	3
Associate professor	0.0%	0
Professor	5.7%	2
Public-sector/academic-industry professional	65.7%	23
Private-sector industry professional	0.0%	0
Prefer to self-describe:	14.3%	5
Total	100%	35

Prefer to self-describe:

- *Research Computing Staff*
- *Non-profit*
- *nonprofit*
- *Senior Research Scientist*

Do you work at a Minority-Serving Institution?

	%	Count
Yes	26.5%	9
No	70.6%	24
Unsure	2.9%	1
Total	100%	34

In your organization, do you participate in programs to increase participation of students in STEM disciplines?

	%	Count
Yes	66.7%	22
No	21.2%	7
Unsure	12.1%	4
Total	100%	33

Please note any additional comments you would like to make regarding the PEARC25 Protégé-Mentor Program or the conference itself.

- *Thank you so much for the ones who are making the PEARC possible!*
- *I didn't get to see many of the student lightning talks but thought they were a good idea. The ones I did see showed a wonderful variety of backgrounds and aspirations.*
- *This program was very well planned, communicated, and managed providing much helpful guidance for all parties involved. Thank you!*
- *N/A*
- *Thank you for the effort & profound impact*
- *Thank you for the opportunity to interact meaningfully with my student protégè.*

PEARC25 Exhibitor Survey Results

Which organization do you represent?

	%	Count
ACCESS	3.6%	2
Advanced Clustering Technologies	1.8%	1
Amazon Web Services	3.6%	2
AMD	0.0%	0
Argonne National Laboratory	0.0%	0
Aspen Systems	1.8%	1
Auristor	1.8%	1
Cambridge Computer	3.6%	2
CASC (Coalition for Academic Scientific Computing)	3.6%	2
CIQ	3.6%	2
Cornelis Networks	5.5%	3
DDN	3.6%	2
Dell Technologies	3.6%	2
Globus	1.8%	1
Google	0.0%	0
Hammerspace	1.8%	1
Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1.8%	1
Internet2	1.8%	1
Lenovo	1.8%	1
Mark III	3.6%	2
Microway	5.5%	3
National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA)	3.6%	2
NVIDIA	0.0%	0
Omnibond	0.0%	0

	%	Count
Open OnDemand	1.8%	1
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	3.6%	2
PIER Group	0.0%	0
Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center	3.6%	2
Purdue University	3.6%	2
Pure Storage	0.0%	0
Seagate/OSNexus	0.0%	0
SHI Public Sector	7.3%	4
Starfish	3.6%	2
Sustainable Horizons Institute	1.8%	1
ThinkParQ (BeeGFS)	1.8%	1
Vast	3.6%	2
XKL	3.6%	2
Other	3.6%	2
Xinnor	1.8%	1
Quobyte	1.8%	1
Total	100%	55

Other: What is the name of your organization?

- *Juice Labs*
- *Pearc26*

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your experience as an exhibitor at the PEARC25 conference?

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My expectations for exhibiting at PEARC25 were met.	0.0%	0	1.9%	1	3.8%	2	26.4%	14	67.9%	36	4.60	0.65	53
My organization's expectations for exhibiting at PEARC25 were met.	0.0%	0	3.8%	2	3.8%	2	24.5%	13	67.9%	36	4.57	0.74	53
The information on the conference website was sufficient for planning your presence at PEARC25.	0.0%	0	2.0%	1	6.0%	3	46.0%	23	46.0%	23	4.36	0.69	50
My organization's investment in PEARC25 was worthwhile.	0.0%	0	3.9%	2	3.9%	2	27.5%	14	64.7%	33	4.53	0.75	51
The Job Fair was a valuable activity for my organization.	8.0%	2	4.0%	1	40.0%	10	16.0%	4	32.0%	8	3.60	1.20	25
The PEARC conference series attracts a significant number of attendees in my organization's target audience.	3.9%	2	0.0%	0	2.0%	1	29.4%	15	64.7%	33	4.51	0.87	51
Participation in the Student Program's Resume Clinic was valuable to my organization.	6.3%	1	0.0%	0	62.5%	10	6.3%	1	25.0%	4	3.44	1.06	16
I (or others representing my organization) engaged sufficiently with members of our target audience.	0.0%	0	3.8%	2	3.8%	2	23.1%	12	69.2%	36	4.58	0.74	52
The amenities offered at each exhibitor level (e.g., platinum, gold, silver) are appropriately aligned with the financial commitment.	0.0%	0	2.2%	1	13.0%	6	52.2%	24	32.6%	15	4.15	0.72	46
My organization is interested in exhibiting at PEARC26.	0.0%	0	2.0%	1	5.9%	3	27.5%	14	64.7%	33	4.55	0.69	51

	Strongly disagree (1)		Disagree (2)		Neither agree nor disagree (3)		Agree (4)		Strongly agree (5)		Mean	Std Dev	Total
My organization would be interested in increasing its support level for PEARC26.	0.0%	0	14.3%	6	66.7%	28	11.9%	5	7.1%	3	3.12	0.73	42

You indicated that you disagreed or strongly disagreed that the amenities offered at each exhibitor level are appropriately aligned with the financial commitment. Please share with us how we can improve the PEARC exhibitor offerings, including what additional amenities would be attractive to your organization.

- *Price increases coincided with spending cuts in the academic sector*

You indicated that you disagreed or strongly disagreed that the information on the conference website was sufficient for planning your presence at PEARC25. Please share how we can improve communications to make exhibitor experience better (e.g., what information is missing, should we communicate more frequently, etc.)

- *We could not find the exhibit hours which made it difficult to plan booth staffing..*

What were the most valuable parts of PEARC25 for you as an exhibitor? Please select all that apply.

	%	Count
Technical Program	33.3%	17
Tutorials	27.5%	14
Poster and Visualization Session	9.8%	5
Panels	27.5%	14
Student Program	13.7%	7
BoFs – Birds of a Feather	27.5%	14
Networking opportunities	80.4%	41
Job Fair	17.6%	9
Other (please specify):	15.7%	8

Total	100%	51
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Other (please specify):

- *Na*
- *Plenary*
- *Exhibiting and being here is very valuable for the contacts we make and maintain*
- *Exhibitor Forum*
- *Booth*
- *People*
- *Booth traffic*

When is the best time to contact you regarding exhibiting at PEARC26?

	%	Count
July – September 2025	24.1%	13
October – December 2025	27.8%	15
January – March 2026	37.0%	20
April – June 2026	7.4%	4
Do not contact; my organization is not interested in exhibiting at PEARC26.	3.7%	2
Total	100%	54

Please share with us why your organization is not interested in exhibiting at PEARC26.

- *Someone else*
- *Did not have many attendees from our target audience*

What would make supporting the PEARC Conference Series more valuable to your organization?

- *Separate events, not including students*
- *All good*
- *It's really great 'as is' and we value being able to participate!*
- *List of attendees before start of event*
- *Possibly lower sponsorship pricing for smaller companies.*
- *Don't do exhibit hall during plenaries. A benefit of being an exhibitor is being able to attend plenaries but we can't attend if we are staffing the booth. A different entrance for plenaries where you exit into exhibit hall. A lot of time to sit when there's no traffic. Love the Minneapolis choice. Was a lack of signage and support for exhibitor set up.*
- *Driving more students to PEARC—we hire interns, postdocs, etc and more students at PEARC would be better*

- *More engagement with students*
- *PEARC25 has been a wonderful conference for our organization. We greatly appreciate the food and beverages provided inside the exhibitor area, as it definitely drew attendees to the exhibit hall floor. We would love to see this similar setup continue in future conferences.*
- *Pre attendee list without opt out this helps us coordinate customer meetings*
- *Two tables for larger exhibit booths*
- *More decision makers present*
- *Simpler website instructions, too many emails from too many people during organizing.*
- *Better mapping and wayfinding for attendees. Better promotion of exhibitors in advance of conference.*
- *Job Fair SEPARATE from Exhibit Hall as we aren't here to hire (or have any available jobs). Earlier notice of the museum event for awareness and planning.*
- *NA*
- *More attendees from target audience (ex: network engineers), but that wouldn't really align with the conference focus*
- *Session recording made public.*

The PEARC Conference Steering Committee is interested in increasing exhibitor participation in and support for the PEARC Student Program. From your perspective, what would make participation in this program more valuable to your organization?

- *A clear exhibitor manual sent out in advance to better prepare and organize our staff that is attending*
- *Always more interaction with attendees*
- *NA*
- *Speed networking event may be valuable*
- *More / additional opportunities to engage with students*
- *More attendees*
- *Make it clearer how to take advantage of these opportunities*
- *We should connect them with our event scholarship opportunities so they can get more involved in our events*
- *N/A*
- *Knowledge. So sorry but it's my first time here. I didn't understand the opportunity*

Please share with us any additional comments you may have about PEARC25, including any insights that could help future conference organizers to improve the PEARC conference experience.

- *N/A*
- *Thank you, a wonderful conference!*
- *Hall was cold*
- *Great conference!*
- *Another great PEARC!*
- *We wished we had a better placement as the traffic where we were was the worst of the exhibit hall floor*
- *Thank you*
- *Microway may be interested in giving some kind of presentation or talk to further connect with attendees*
- *Serve breakfast!*
- *N/A*
- *I didn't know what to expect from our BOF student volunteer. More information on logistics for presenters ahead of time and in the room would be appreciated.*

