



Calling all Simulationists!

Submit to the First Annual “Swimming with the SSHarks: Real Problems, Real Pitches, Real Solutions”

Presented by the SSH Fellows Academy

This incredible, high-energy, fast-paced session will be included at IMSH 2026, where real workplace challenges meet creative solutions!

Inspired by the Shark Tank model, five simulation professionals will each pitch a current problem from their workplace — ranging from productivity issues, educational issues, to communication breakdowns, tech limitations, or cultural hurdles.

Instead of pitching business ideas, you’ll pitch problems — looking for fresh insight, feedback, or collaboration. A panel of simulation “Sharks” (subject matter experts) will respond to each pitch, ask clarifying questions, and provide constructive feedback.

Ultimately, an individual “shark” will agree to pair up with the professional to build a plan and solution-set to help solve the problem. The professional will then take the implementation plan back to their institution and attempt to implement over the next year.

Teams will report back in year at IMSH 2027 on successes or challenges of implementation.

Submissions should include:

1. Cover Letter
2. Discussion of Problem (500 Words or less)
3. Past attempts at Solving the Problem (250 Words or less)
4. CV of Presenter to include institution
5. Agreement to attend IMSH 2026 in San Antonio, TX and present at meeting

Deadline for Submissions: November 26, 2025 at 5 PM Eastern. Chosen Finalists will be notified by the second week of December 2025.

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Submissions will be judged on:

1. Relevance & Significance to Healthcare Simulation
2. Innovation & Originality
3. Promotes the use of simulation
4. Feasibility & Clarity
5. Transferability & Scalability to Others
6. Scope of Problem (Number of Stakeholders Involved)

Benefits to the Presenter Include (but are not limited to):

Ability to present at IMSH 2026, Ability to partner with an SSH Fellow on solving a workplace problem, Increased visibility among your peers