

**2025 NEOCA Conference
Round Table Topics**

Topic #1 Grant Writing Tips

(What are some of your EOC grant research tips/ideas? What are some innovative budget narratives? What are some common mistakes in TRIO grant writing and how can you avoid them?)

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Topic #2 Rebranding & Building a Recognizable Presence

(How have you increased your program visibility within your organization and community? If you have updated your logo/tagline/outreach materials recently, how has the outcome been? What outreach strategies have helped increase awareness of your program? What are challenges you face in getting leadership or partners to understand what TRIO EOC is/does?)

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Topic #3 Career Pathways

(How does your program help students identify and pursue career paths? What organizations do you partner with to align services with career outcomes? What career exploration tools/assessments do you use? How do you support students who are unsure or hesitant to start a new career path?)

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Topic #4 Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)

(Are you using AI tools in your day-to-day work like ChatGPT, Otter, etc. If so, how and what programs do you use? What are the benefits or time savers? How are you approaching conversations with students about the ethical use of AI – particularly when it comes to writing scholarship or personal statement essays? Are you introducing students to AI?)

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