



2026 Workshop

At James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA

Begins: Monday, May 18, 8:30 AM EST

Ends: Friday, May 22, noon EST

Lodging:

We highly recommend staying at [Hotel Madison](#). It is the most conveniently located option and will allow you to walk easily to the workshop sessions. Its campus location is also a short walk from Historic Downtown's shops and restaurants.

We've arranged for a reserved block of deeply discounted rooms but the discounted rate must be booked before 5 PM on April 17, 2026 and the number of these rooms is limited. Please note that the proceeding Saturday, May 16 is JMU's graduation, so rooms for that day will not be available.

[Reservation Link](#)

You can also call Hotel Madison directly at 540-564-0200 and identify as a JMU-Center for Assessment Research Studies (CARS) workshop participant.

Other options include [Joshua Wilton House](#), [Hyatt Place Harrisonburg](#), [Residence Inn Harrisonburg](#), [Courtyard Marriot Harrisonburg](#), [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Harrisonburg - University](#), and the [Fairfield Inn & Suites Harrisonburg](#). Please let us know if you are planning to stay anywhere other than Hotel Madison so that we can arrange for on-campus parking for you.

We highly recommend booking your hotel as soon as possible to ensure you find adequate lodging.

Please keep in mind while planning your travel that the workshops will start early Monday morning and will continue through lunch on Friday. We recommend you plan to arrive on Sunday.

Meals:

We will be providing breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday as part of the workshop. Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions or allergies that we need to be aware of.

Dinner will be on your own. We hope you'll make time to explore and socialize with your colleagues. Harrisonburg is home to over 200 restaurants, as well as several breweries and cideries. [Visit Harrisonburg](#)



Getting to Harrisonburg:

Driving:

James Madison University is located in Virginia's scenic Shenandoah Valley. Our campus located off I-81 at exit 245 in historic Harrisonburg VA.

Flights

- Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Washington DC is a 2-hour highway drive to Harrisonburg. Dulles offers a wide selection of flights, including direct flights.
- Charlottesville (CHO) is about 1 hour from JMU. It is serviced by Delta, United Express and American Airlines offering over 50 daily non-stop flights to and from Charlotte, Philadelphia, New York/LaGuardia, Washington/Dulles, Atlanta, and Chicago.
- Shenandoah Valley Airport (SHD) is a quick 20-minute drive from JMU. SHD is a small regional airport serviced by American Airlines connecting flights out of Chicago, and Charlotte. They offer a [shuttle service](#) (must be pre-arranged) which may be a good option.
- All three airports offer rental cars..



Getting Around at JMU

Workshop Location:

We will be meeting in JMU's Student Success Center room 1075. The [Student Success Center](#) is just a block away from Hotel Madison or from visitor parking. Please let us know if you need an accommodation.

Parking:

If you're staying at Hotel Madison, you can park in their reserved garage spaces (\$5 per day). Or we can arrange a general campus pass for you. If you're bringing a car to campus, let us know and we will secure a parking permit for you at no cost. Parking permits will be valid for all of campus for the week. [parkingmap.pdf \(jmu.edu\)](#)

Please let us know (whether you're staying at Hotel Madison or not) if you need handicapped-accessible parking.

