

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS SUMMIT — REQUEST TEMPLATE

Strengthening our inclusion strategy

A template for requesting time and budget to attend

Hi **[Manager's name]**,

I'd like to request your support to attend the Social Connections Summit, a two-day virtual program on **September 23-24, 2026**, focused on building genuinely inclusive workplaces for neurodivergent talent. I think it lines up well with where our team is headed on inclusion, and wanted to walk you through why.

Why this supports our team's goals

Organizations that invest in neuroinclusive practices see measurable returns:

- Teams with neurodivergent talent are up to 30% more productive, with retention rates approaching 90%, according to research published in Harvard Business Review
- 81% of employees say they would leave a job if their employer lacked a genuine commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, per SHRM
- Bringing these frameworks back could directly support how we communicate, lead, and retain talent across different working styles

Format

- Two days, fully virtual — **Sept 23 & 24, 10am-2pm CT**
- Live Q&A with speakers, plus session replays so I can revisit anything I miss
- No travel required

What I'll bring back

I'm happy to put together a short recap of practical frameworks for inclusive communication, leadership, and team practices — written or a quick team share — so what I learn benefits the wider team, not just me.

The ask

Registration cost **[\$47 if registered by July 14]**

Time requested **[Two half-days, Sept 23 & 24]**

Registration price increases after the priority window closes, so an earlier decision helps secure the lower rate.

Thank you for considering this — happy to answer any questions.

[Your name]

[Your role]

[Date]