November 3: Full-day workshops for All-Access pass holders
November 4-6: Regular Conference Program
San Francisco Marriott Marquis

Your guide to making the case

1. Let your boss know that now is the perfect time to register. Sure, we can’t yet share any 2020 session details yet, but that means that prices are the lowest they will be all year.

2. Review the 2019 agenda in retrospect for an idea of the topics that will be covered. Look for common themes and objectives between your manager’s or company’s goals and what you can learn at the conference.

3. Read the common objections on page 2 and be ready to confidently answer them (facts, numbers, proof). Also, check out pages 2-3 for details about who attends the conference and reasons the conference is an excellent choice.

4. Once you’ve done your homework and prepared your case, customize the yellow areas on page 5 and share it with your manager -- preferably in person!

Objections we missed? Need more help? Email us. We’re happy to help!
How to Answer Common Objections With Confidence.

Objection #1: “The conference is too expensive.”
Response: Be prepared with the costs of NOT attending. Compare the cost involved to what might be lost if you aren't able to fill the sales pipeline or create content that converts, or keep up with the latest technologies such as AI (whatever is important to your business). Also, be sure to talk about the value of creating a network of marketers like you that you can turn to when faced with a challenge. And if you want to bring your team, talk about the value of learning together.

Objection #2: “MarketingProfs B2B Forum is just like any other marketing conference. It’s just filled with lofty ideas and big parties.”
Response: MarketingProfs B2B Forum is specifically designed for multi-disciplined B2B marketers, so you can be assured that I won't be wasting my time with sessions that don't address our particular B2B challenges. All of the speakers are experts and practitioners — they are the ones in the trenches, doing the work. They understand what works, and what doesn't. I will learn the steps (and how to do them) to actually implement new tactics and strategies when I get back to the office.

Objection #5: “It's too much time away from work.”
Response: I've come prepared with a plan of how I'll cover my responsibilities while I'm away. By dedicating three days to the experience, I'll be able to focus and fully immerse myself in “learning mode,” which will allow me to execute what I learn faster and give me new ideas to help us reach our goals faster.

Objection #6: “You can learn the same content from webinars and articles.”
Response: Webinars and articles can fill some gaps, but they can't replace an in-person conference experience. At B2B Forum, I'll meet other B2B marketers facing the same challenges. There's also the chance to network directly with speakers and other attendees to ask the targeted questions I have, so we can meet our specific goals.

Use Social Proof
Share this video we put together to explain a bit more about the conference, and gather proof from our hashtag #mpb2b

I was thoroughly impressed with the quality of content. I had to check a couple of extra bags for the flight home with all of the insights I had gleaned!
— Global Communications Business Partner, Automotive and Global Branding and Marcom, Corporate Affairs | SABIC

I thought it was amazing. Well organized, super helpful and useful content and speakers. I came away motivated and with tons of new information! Here's hoping my boss will let me attend next year again!
— MarketingProfs PRO member
More reasons that MarketingProfs B2B Forum is a good investment:

**MarketingProfs B2B Forum is the premier conference for B2B marketers.** There are a lot of marketing conferences out there, but at most you will find that retail brands dominate the conversation. But at #mpb2b, our entire program is focused on the unique challenges and opportunities that B2B marketers face. Every year we gather some of the brightest minds in B2B marketing to help us plan a program that touches on all the most important topics to B2B marketing success.

**Marketing is constantly changing.** For many marketers --whether they are just starting out or they have twenty+ years under their belt--there is a gap between what they already know and what they need to know to be the best marketer for your business. At MarketingProfs B2B Forum we have sessions designed to help bridge that gap, whether there is a need for better content curation, innovative demandgen campaigns, or creating a winning marketing strategy. [Check out our 2019 program in retrospect.](#)

**Advice and connections are invaluable.** At #mpb2b attendees have the chance to meet, network, and get advice from hundreds of B2B marketers, from companies like Adobe, Deloitte, Duke Energy, Google, IBM, SAP, Vanguard, and more. They also have the chance to speak with and get demos from leading technology providers. From lunch-and-learns to speed networking, introverts and extroverts alike will be able to create connections that they can turn to for advice for years to come.

**It’s all about ROI.** The majority of B2B marketing budgets are dedicated to demandgen and content marketing efforts, but most companies find them to only be slightly or somewhat effective (Hubspot, The Ultimate List of Marketing Statistics). And companies report that although they are investing 33% (on average) of their budget in marketing technologies, they don't have a sufficient strategy in place to utilize them. There are many reasons for this and NO conference can solve all of them. But investing in your team – giving them the education to do more with the tools they have -- is an excellent start.
Our Attendees Come From a Variety of Industries and Roles

**TOP 5 INDUSTRIES:**
- Technology
- Marketing Services
- Manufacturing
- Banking/Financial
- Advertising

**ROLES:**
- Agency Partner
- Associate/Account Manager/Project Manager
- Business Owner/Proprietor
- CMO
- Coordinator/Assistant
- Director
- Manager
- Other
- Specialist/Analyst
- Vice President

Here are just some of the companies who’ve attended in the past:
Dear [ENTER MANAGER’S NAME],

I would like your approval to attend MarketingProfs B2B Forum in San Francisco from November 4-6 (starting November 3 if you plan to get a All-Access pass to attend a full-day, intensive workshop). This is the premiere conference for multidisciplinary B2B marketers and marketing teams to get together to learn about the latest strategies and tactics, and share their secrets to success.

Sessions cover everything from content strategy and ABM to social media and analytics [update with topics that are most important to your business if needed]. And unlike many marketing conferences, the sessions at MarketingProfs B2B Forum don't focus on using specific platforms or tools, nor is it all theoretical talk. The content is applicable to all B2B marketers, and I will walk away with the steps I need (and how to do them) to implement what I've learned.

Between the content presented in the sessions, post presentation Q&A with speakers, roundtables, and networking with fellow attendees, I plan to learn new strategies and tactics, and get a plan for action, so that I can help improve our campaigns as soon as I return to the office.

Learning how to [INSERT INFORMATION YOU’RE EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING (I.E. BUILD A PREDICTABLE PIPELINE)] will help me [INSERT A NEW SKILL HERE (I.E. HELP ME DEVELOP A DEMAND GENERATION STRATEGY THAT WILL A FLOW OF LEADS, AND BE ABLE TO MEASURE ITS SUCCESS.)]

Upon my return from MarketingProfs B2B Forum, I will share takeaways, including those that we can implement immediately to see real results with our marketing programs. You can also learn more about the conference at mpb2b.marketingprofs.com

I’ve broken down the approximate cost of my attendance at B2B Marketing Forum:

- Airfare/Travel: [IF APPLICABLE]
- Hotel: [IF APPLICABLE]
- Conference Pass: [AMOUNT]: make sure to consider whether or not you want the All-Access pass to attend a day one workshop
- Total: [AMOUNT]

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

[YOUR NAME]