

Subject: Request to Attend Apollo Summit 2026 – San Francisco, Oct 6–8

Hi [Manager],

I'd like to request approval to attend Apollo Summit 2026, Apollo GraphQL's annual conference, taking place October 6-8, 2026 at The Midway, San Francisco. It's the largest event focused on GraphQL and modern API platforms, bringing together the engineers and architects running these systems in production.

This year's theme is "Connect Everything. Build Anything." The agenda covers sessions and technical workshops across three tracks that map directly to problems we're working on:

- **Governance and Security.** Sessions on agent identity and field level access policies, including how American Airlines centralized authorization at the edge so no agent gets data by default, and how Intuit built an agent safety layer on persisted queries. A 90 minute hands on workshop covering scoping agent permissions, hiding sensitive fields, and approving what an agent can reach.
- **Operating at Scale.** Lessons from teams running some of the largest graphs in production, including Booking.com's scale from 10,000 to over 200,000 requests per second and Wayfair's canary deploy strategy for safe releases. A 2 hour workshop covering schema checks and composition failures using Apollo GraphOS.
- **Building and Managing AI Agents.** Sessions on connecting REST APIs, SQL sources, and MCP servers into a context layer agents can safely use, including how RS Group built a context graph over MCP and how N-able's MCP server became infrastructure partners built on unprompted.

Here's a high-level breakdown of costs:

- **Registration: \$399**
- **3 nights at an average of ~\$325/night + taxes**
- **Domestic airfare: ~\$500**
- **Total Estimated Investment ~\$1875**

What I expect to bring back:

- Implementation lessons from peer sessions on running GraphQL and federation at scale
- Hands-on workshop experience with Apollo Federation, Connectors, and the Apollo MCP Server
- Direct access to Apollo engineers and community experts for questions specific to our architecture
- Contacts on peer teams solving the same platform problems we are



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📅 October 6–8, 2026 📍 San Francisco, CA, The Midway

If approved, I'd prioritize sessions related to:

- [Insert relevant internal project or initiative]
- [Insert another project or goal]
- [Optional: governance, AI, or performance topics of interest]

Thank you for considering this and happy to talk through details,

[sign off & signature]