

2018 Community Engagement Conference

Partnering to Advance Health and Wellness

Call for Proposals

Introduction

Session proposals are now being accepted for the **2018 Community Engagement Conference** at The Ohio State University, Ohio Union, on **January 24-25, 2018**.

As a Carnegie community-engaged institution, Ohio State fulfills its land-grant mission through an extensive portfolio of engagement activities in teaching, research and service across the university. Building on the success of the Extension Annual Conference and the university's Engagement Forum, the inaugural university-wide conference will bring together community engagement practitioners (faculty, staff, students and community partners) to focus on professional development and networking, while exploring new potential engagement partnerships.

The theme of the 2018 conference is ***Partnering to Advance Health and Wellness***.

Guide to Proposal Development

Faculty, staff, students and community partners are encouraged to submit proposals highlighting partnerships involving engaged teaching, engaged research and engaged service that make an impact in the community and on scholarship. Proposals that focus on enhancing the skills necessary for success in engagement are also desired.

Ohio State's [College Engagement Council](#) recently developed the following five engagement principles. When incorporated into teaching, research and service they increase the university's impact in its partnerships by inspiring innovation and promoting relevance in addressing compelling challenges. Participants are encouraged to consider how their work embodies these principles as they develop proposals.

- **Awareness** of the diverse values, assets, and challenges inside and outside the university;
- **Integration** of community and university assets for mutual benefit;
- **Stewardship** of engagement and collaboration to enhance impact;
- **Accountability** achieved by measuring scholarly outcomes and community impacts;
- **Advocacy** through shared vision, recognition and reward, celebration, and communication

Examples of topics or types of projects that fit in each principle are [available here](#).

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Session Formats

Individuals or groups may submit proposals for one or more conference session format:

Presentations: These oral sessions provide the opportunity for individuals or groups to present information related to the conference theme. The conference program committee encourages presentations which include community partners as co-presenters. Sessions will either be for 30 minutes or one hour.

Ignite Sessions: (5-minute presentation) Intended for individuals to share new and creative ways they have either recently been, or soon will be, active in engagement during a fast-paced Ignite Session. Learn more about Ignite at go.osu.edu/ignitehowto. Ignite motto: “Enlighten us! Just make it quick.”

Poster Sessions: These sessions are designed for individuals or small teams to present posters illustrating approaches to problems and solutions in community engagement, to showcase best practices and case studies, and to introduce innovative, even experimental ideas. Poster board display space and multiple presentation time slots will be available during the conference.

Proposal Submission, Review and Notification

Proposals must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 30 at 11:59 p.m. at go.osu.edu/2018proposals. Presenters may submit multiple proposals; however, our administrative system will permit only one submission per email address. This allows you to edit your submission up to the deadline.

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of faculty, staff and community partners. The review process is confidential. Reviewers will be asked to evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

- quality of the proposal;
- suitability of the topic to the conference theme and presentation format proposed;
- likelihood that the proposal will engage participants and promote discussion;
- clarity in describing the session’s objectives, outcomes and intended audience;
- relevance of the topic in providing key content;
- expertise of presenter(s).

The review committee will select presentations based upon the reviews and ratings of all proposals submitted, available time slots for presentations, and diversity of presentation topics and levels, including diversity of types and geographic locations. Notifications will be sent to applicants no later than Nov. 21, 2017.

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All presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and submit the online presenter's agreement. All final instructions and information will be sent to you in a speaker's packet.

As a conference proceeding, all presentations will be published in Ohio State's *Engaged Scholars*, a new online, searchable catalog of Ohio State's partnerships involving engaged teaching, engaged research and engaged service that make an impact in the community and on scholarship.

Proposal Submission Template

The following information is required for your proposal.

Session Type

- Presentation
- Ignite Session
- Poster

Proposal Title

Full Description of Proposal (3,000 character maximum – approximately 400 words)

The full description should address the following:

- The information, solutions and/or best practices that will be presented in the session
- The intended audience
- Expertise of presenter(s)
- Optional – in a separate question on the Call for Proposals submission form, you will be able to upload a Microsoft Word document containing a formatted list of references/resources.

Learning Objectives of the Proposal (1,000 character maximum)

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Engagement Principles addressed in the Proposal (Check all that apply)

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Category of Engagement (Check all that apply)

- Engaged Teaching
- Engaged Research
- Engaged Service

Summary of the Proposal for Conference Program (1,000 character maximum)

Please make sure the summary of your proposal is publication-ready.

3-5 Keywords Related to Your Proposal

How can others get involved with your initiative or organization?

List up to five, one-sentence descriptions (e.g., support our partners; become a university or community partner; funding to support students or program; volunteer for program activities; assistance on business plan development).

Presenters/Author(s)

Name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) (Lead author should be identified)

If you have any questions regarding the proposal selection process, please contact Ben Lewis from the Office of Outreach and Engagement at lewis.485@osu.edu or Jared Morrison in OSU Extension at morrison.332@osu.edu. Thank you and we look forward to receiving your proposals!