Call for Proposals – 2019 Community Engagement Conference

Introduction

Session proposals are now being accepted for the 2019 Community Engagement Conference at The Ohio State University, Ohio Union, on January 23-24, 2019.

As a Carnegie community-engaged institution, Ohio State fulfills its land-grant mission through an extensive portfolio of meaningful partnerships in teaching, research and service across the university. Building on the success of the inaugural Community Engagement Conference in 2018, the 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 2019 conference is Partnering for a Resilient and Sustainable Future.

Proposals are sought that cover a broad range of topics and projects under the theme Partnering for a Resilient and Sustainable Future. Some examples of topics or types of projects are at go.osu.edu/2019CECexamples.

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 five Partnership Principles based on the following theory:

The complexity of societal challenges are best solved through meaningful partnerships representing a diversity of ideas and talents. These meaningful partnerships, which enhance impact by promoting innovation and relevance, are built on fundamental principles.

Participants are encouraged to consider how their partnerships embody these principles as they develop proposals:

- **Awareness of partner needs** associated with values, assets, and challenges
- **Shared resources and responsibilities** leveraging strengths for mutual benefit and collective impact
- **Accountability through evidence** in practice and evaluation
- **Commitment to stewardship** ensuring trust, compromise, efficiency and sustainability within partnerships
- **Recognition of successes** affirming the value of partnerships
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 15 minutes, 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](http://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 **Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 11:59 p.m.** at [go.osu.edu/2019proposals](http://go.osu.edu/2019proposals). 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.

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 **Oct. 30, 2018**.

**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 the lead presenter in a presenter’s packet.

As a conference proceeding, all presentations will be published in Ohio State’s *Engaged Scholars*, an 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 each 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:

- Information, solutions and/or best practices that will be presented in the session
- Intended audience
- 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)

**Partnership Principles addressed in the Proposal** (check all that apply)
- Awareness of partner needs associated with values, assets, and challenges
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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 each proposal is publication-ready.

3-5 Keywords Related to Each 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), institutional affiliation(s), expertise related to proposal (lead author should be identified)

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