



HEP 2017 Call for Proposals

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2017

Partners of the Americas encourages you to submit a session proposal for the 2017 edition of ***Higher Education Partnership: Internationalization in the Americas***, which will take place on October 17-19 in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Join us to share your strategies, initiatives and activities, as well as to meet and build strategic partnerships with peers from around the hemisphere.

When educational institutions collaborate across borders, we create better opportunities for students, greater visibility for the institutions and an improved labor force to meet the needs of today's employers. Such collaboration ultimately leads to more enduring political, economic and cultural ties between nations. In a format unlike any other event, this series of annual events uses interactive trainings and activities to bring administrators and international program managers from across the Americas together for the singular purpose of building strong relationships and innovative partnerships for internationalization.

The 2017 Conference Committee is seeking proposals that reflect the best thinking and practice in the field, especially where innovation has led to replicable success. Individual presentations, panels, workshops, training seminars and other formats are welcome. The Committee is especially keen to receive proposals on the following topics:

- **Building International Partnerships that Work**
 - Defining common interests and goals
 - Converting MOUs to active partnerships
 - Negotiating international credit transfer, tuition swaps and/or program articulation
 - Building campus stakeholder support for international partnerships
 - Harnessing faculty leadership in partnership building
 - Sources of financing for expansion of international education

- **Innovative Models for International Collaboration**
 - Innovations for working outside of a 1:1 student exchange ratio
 - Innovative solutions to address the language barrier
 - Partnerships for dual-degree programs
 - Innovative practices in student, faculty or staff mobility
 - Lessons from partnerships between institutions of different size and profile



- Joint research and professor exchanges
- Language studies and international exchange
- Other successful practices and lessons learned in international collaboration

- **International Education for Workforce Development**
 - Cultivating private sector involvement and support for international education
 - Challenges and solutions for technical / vocational institutions in international education
 - ROI of international education for technical / vocational students, schools and employers
 - Trends in international exchange and workforce development education within Latin America, the US and Canada

This list is not exhaustive and other session topics are welcome.

Preference will be given to proposals that include some or all of the following features:

- Interactive audience participation
- Training component, in addition to information sharing
- Coordinated group presentations involving representatives from multiple institutions and countries
- Innovative format

In the spirit of international collaboration, individual presentations may be placed in a shared session with other presenters. We welcome proposals which include multiple speakers offering perspectives from more than one country/cultural context. If you have colleagues with whom you can submit a joint proposal, we encourage you to do so (please verify their interest and availability to attend and present before submitting).

Session duration will vary between one hour and one hour and fifteen minutes. Given that each session contains an average of 3 presenters plus a moderator, each presenter must agree to equitably share the time with the other presenters allocated to the session (regardless of format). Each presenter should expect to receive 10-15 minutes to present, unless approved for a session with only one speaker/trainer. Presentations should allow at least 15 minutes for audience interaction. Those listed as "co-presenters" are expected to attend the conference. Those who do not attend will not be mentioned in the conference program.

Other important information:



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If the proposal is accepted, space will be set aside for your presentation in the conference program. Please be considerate and make plans to attend, or let us know as soon as possible if you or your co-presenters will be unable to participate since it is a selective process and there are often other excellent proposals which we'd like to accommodate.

To minimize conference costs, regretfully, presenters will not receive any compensation. Travel, lodging, conference registration fees and all other expenses will be the presenter's sole responsibility.

Proposals are due by **April 15, 2017** and the selected presenters will be notified by **May 15, 2017**.