AACUSS 2016
CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

CONFERENCE THEME

The Summit of Success: Supporting Today's Student and Enjoying the Climb

The call for AACUSS 2016 session proposals is officially open! The 2016 AACUSS Annual Conference offers an outstanding opportunity for student service professionals to showcase the excellence that permeates our field. By sharing research that clarifies best practice as well as strategies and programs that engage and support students, we come together to learn and network with our regional colleagues.

Our theme for this year is “The Summit of Success: Supporting Today’s Student and Enjoying the Climb”. Our theme encourages us all to relish the journey of today’s student, find joy and meaning in our work, foster student and staff engagement and wellness, and discuss ways to create inclusive campuses for all. Sometimes this is tough work – a climb – but it’s rewarding work. Let us come together to share and celebrate our successes and forge new paths to the summit.

The conference planning committee welcomes proposals from student service professionals at all stages of expertise and experience. Please consider submitting a proposal for a concurrent session (presentation, workshop, panel, or interactive session) or a spot in the AUCUSS Showcase – a series of 10-minute mini-presentations. Joint submissions involving student affairs, academic affairs, students, practitioners, community organizations, and representation from multiple institutions are highly encouraged. It is through your active participation and sharing that the field of student services continues to grow in importance and in its professionalism.

Possible Session Topics:
- Cultural competency
- Ethics for career development practitioners
- International students & employment
- Identifying and supporting mental health needs of international students
- Devising a residence capital renewal plan
- Supporting students on the autism spectrum in residence
- Universal Design for Learning
- 30-minute problem-solving method
- Assisting with student-led conferences
- Supporting summer housing students
- Crisis response
- Forging partnerships between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs
- Innovative academic support
- Boosting campus wellness through peer programming

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- Deadline for program submissions is February 29, 2016
- See below for the criteria the selection committee will use in reviewing proposals
- Approved presenters must be (or become) an AACUSS member and register for the Annual Conference
- Computer access will be provided to all presenters in the conference presentation room
- Approved presenters will be contacted in advance of conference to obtain setup style and audio visual requests
PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA

The conference program review team will use the following criteria when reviewing presentation proposals:

- Is the proposal thorough and clear?
- Does the session relate to the conference theme?
- Does the proposed content add value to the AACUSS program?
- Did the proposal provide all required information?
- Does the proposal outline specific goals and learning outcomes?

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL FORM

Presentation proposals will be submitted online and submitters will be asked to insert the following information:

- Presenter(s) name
- Presenter(s) title
- Presenter(s) organization
- Presenter(s) email
- Presenter(s) phone number
- Presentation title
- Presentation style
  - Presentation
  - Workshop
  - Panel discussion
  - Round table
- Session type
  - Concurrent session (60 minutes)
  - AACUSS Showcase (10 minutes)
- Applicable divisions
  - Academic Support and Advising
  - Accessibility
  - Career/Employment
  - Senior Student Affairs Officers
  - Counselling
  - Financial Aid
  - Generalist
  - Health and Wellness
  - Housing (Residence and Off-Campus)
  - International
- Applicable audience
  - All audiences
  - New and emerging professionals
  - Staff with 5 – 10 years of experience or expertise in the subject area
  - Senior or Director level staff
- Presentation description (maximum of 150 words – a brief but accurate description of your session. This will be included in the conference schedule)
- Learning outcomes for the proposed session

Submit your program proposal here.

All presentation proposals must be received on or before February 29, 2016.

Good luck and thank you for your interest!