

National Summit for Educational Equity

Building Bridges to Strengthen Access, Equity, and Diversity

APRIL 16-19, 2018 | Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia



The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) is accepting proposals until January 7, 2018, for its annual National Summit for Educational Equity. The Summit takes place April 16-19, 2018, at the Hilton Crystal City in Arlington, VA. This year's theme is *Building Bridges to Strengthen Access, Equity and Diversity*.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The globalization of the American economy has increased the need for a workforce prepared for new and emerging high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers. Preparing every student to be college and career ready and ensuring successful postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree attainment is critical to meeting the current skills gap, especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and career and technical education (CTE) fields. The current economic climate of the nation illustrates that many Americans are struggling to gain the necessary skills to enter high-skill, high-wage employment. For those facing multiple barriers to education and training—such as single parents, low-income individuals, individuals with disabilities, and English language learners—the path to economic security is proving to be ever more challenging.

This national conference focuses on access, equity, and diversity in education with a particular emphasis on CTE, STEM education, and workforce development. By building the capacity, knowledge, and skills of state education administrators and local educators, the Summit brings together the most current researchers and practitioners in educational equity to share best practices and to build a learning community of professionals. The conference offers strands of workshops that engage participants in learning about new research, tools, and strategies for improving policies and practices to close achievement, participation, and interest gaps.

Sessions that address all aspects of the education system (e.g., national, state, or local level; secondary or postsecondary; urban, suburban, or rural) and focus on a particular population

(e.g., students with disabilities, single/teen parents, low-income students, English language learners, students pursuing nontraditional careers, African Americans, Latina(o)s, Native Americans, LGBT students, and more) are encouraged. Also encouraged are sessions that address policies and practices that promote educational equity, educate the whole student, support social emotional health, and use innovative technology to increase access and that address barriers to participation and completion and the closing of achievement gaps for special population students. For examples see the 2017 conference program at nsee.info/schedule/.

To address these realities in a meaningful and effective manner, NAPE is requesting proposals for the 2018 Summit that align to any of five strands.

STRANDS

- **Best practices for equitable learning environments:** Topics may include racial equity, gender equity, cultural competence, disability services, support services for students with disabilities or other populations with high needs, transition to postsecondary services, open-education resources, or financial supports for low-income students.
- **Increasing access and equity in CTE and STEM:** Topics may include innovative programs, increasing student access and success, engaging underrepresented populations, or dual/concurrent enrollment.
- **Building a diverse workforce:** Topics may include employer engagement, work-based learning, apprenticeship, badging, certifications, internships, competency-based education, credit for prior learning, or transition to employment services for students with disabilities.
- **Equitable leadership practices:** Topics may include leading with equity in mind, leading institutional change, or leading equitable environments.
- **Public Policy—Supporting equity and education:** Topics may include local policies proven to close equity gaps; local, state, and/or national collaborations impacting educational equity policy; advocacy strategies; or understanding equity policies in ESSA, IDEA, WIOA, Perkins, TANF, or civil rights laws.

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AUDIENCE

This conference is designed for educators, workforce development professionals, and advocates dedicated to removing barriers to equitable opportunity in education and the workforce. The program will highlight strategies and solutions for preparing a diverse workforce for high-skill, high-wage, high-demand careers. **Proposals should be drafted to address the following audiences:** secondary/postsecondary educators, career and technical education and workforce development professionals, researchers, administrators, counselors, data specialists, business representatives, and/or nonprofit staff.

PROPOSAL TIPS AND GUIDELINES

Workshops are 60-75 minutes in length. Successful presenters:

- have firsthand experience with their topic and understand their audience;
- provide practical-application-focused information;
- engage participants in an activity or hands-on learning;
- provide useful handouts for workshop attendees; and
- present effective strategies focused on one or more special populations or other underrepresented groups.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Presenters must register for the Summit and must cover all expenses associated with travel to and from the conference, lodging, and meals (other than those provided during the conference). The hotel room rate for the 2018 NSEE is \$223 + tax. Presenters who choose to attend the conference only for their session will not be required to pay a registration fee. Full conference registration includes breakfast, lunch, and reception on Tuesday, breakfast on Wednesday, and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. For daily rates and more information, visit nsee.info.

Early Bird (2/16/18): NAPE Members, \$545; Nonmembers, \$650

Regular: NAPE Members, \$624; Nonmembers, \$729

AUDIOVISUAL NEEDS AND HANDOUTS

NAPE will provide a projector and screen for the presentation. All other audiovisual needs must be provided by the presenter—including laptop, internet access (via a personal hotspot), adapters, speakers, etc. An electronic copy of presentations **must be** uploaded to a digital folder prior to the conference.

HOW TO APPLY

All submissions must include all the information requested. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. **The submission deadline is January 7, 2018, and there will be no extension.** Notification letters will be sent to the primary presenter via email early February of 2018. If selected to present, then you will have two weeks to notify NAPE of your acceptance to present.

PRESENTERS: name, job title, organization, address, city, state, zip, phone, email, brief biography, head shot, social media links

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION:

- **Title of Presentation** (to appear in the program guide)
- **Conference strand**
- **Type of presentation:** research/evaluation, tools, implementation/practice, outreach, other
- **Population(s) that your presentation will focus on:** Single Parents, Individuals with Disabilities, Older Workers, Displaced Homemakers, Youth, Individuals Pursuing Nontraditional Careers, Individuals with Limited English Proficiency, Underrepresented Groups in STEM, Economically Disadvantaged, Veterans or Military Personnel, Adult Learners, Specific Ethnic/Racial Population, Other
- **Intended audience** for your presentation and your expectations about their level of experience with your topic.
- **Abstract** (max. 500 characters including spaces) that describes your presentation. The abstract will be used for the program guide. NAPE reserves the right to edit the abstract.
- **Full description** (max. 10,000 characters including spaces) of the proposed presentation. Because successful presenters will meet the criteria noted in the 'proposal tips and guidelines' section, please include explanations to each in your description.

AVAILABILITY: Identify the day(s) you are available to present (Tuesday, April 17, 2018 and/or Thursday, April 19, 2018)

For more information about the proposal process or the Summit, visit nsee.info, call (717) 407-5118, or email nape@napequity.org.

Please submit your proposal at
nsee.info/proposals
prior to January 7, 2018.