

President's Commission on the Status of Minorities
2017 Diversity Conference: Our Voices
January 26-27, 2017
Mississippi State University

-Call for Proposals-

Join us for the 2017 Diversity Conference: Our Voices, which will take place January 26th-27th at Mississippi State University. This year's theme of "Our Voices" will focus on the need for using your voice and how it can be a source of power and strength for creating an environment of inclusiveness in higher education. We are inviting the submission of proposals that address relevant and related topics.

Program sessions are sixty (60) minutes in length. The selection committee will accept proposals for the conference based on the workshop's ability to address relevant issues that provide productive and positive change within higher education and the world, as well as enhance understanding and skills in the areas of diversity inclusion, multiculturalism, and social justice.

The deadline to submit presentation proposals is November 15, 2016. Proposals can be submitted to voices@msstate.edu. Please note that if your proposal is accepted, you must register for the conference.

Proposal Criteria:

- Proposals should supplement and enhance the conference theme.
- The planning committee welcomes proposals related to, but not limited to:
 - Building inclusive communities
 - Addressing various aspects of diversity: religion, disabilities, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, conscious/unconscious bias, multiculturalism, veterans, gender, and access to higher education
 - Strategies on engaging the campus and larger community in diversity
 - Strategies for advocacy
 - Strategies for recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty and staff
- Proposals may be submitted by individuals or groups of students, faculty, staff, and community members.
- Proposals should be typed and limited to 300 words and include the following sections: Title, Target Audience, Session Synopsis/Abstract, Objectives/Outcome, Method of Presentation (i.e. discussion, power point, activity, etc.) and Equipment Needs.
- Proposals should include the name(s) of the presenter(s), job title, institution/organizational affiliation, complete mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and biographical information.

Please note: Speakers accepted for sessions at this conference do not receive honorarium, speaker's fee, or reimbursement of expenses associated with presenting at this conference. Workshop supplies and copying services are not provided.