

Call for Proposals

**Framing the Value of Diversity & Inclusion in Higher Education:
Setting the Research Agenda-Rutgers University, October 5-7, 2017**

Submission deadline: July 17, 2017

National Academic Conference

Over the past two decades, academic discourse, practices, and policies regarding diversity and inclusion in higher education have evolved via new research. This key shift is reshaping scholarship and positioning diversity and inclusion as a central focus in colleges and universities across the nation. On October 5, 6, & 7th, 2017, Rutgers University will convene a national academic conference *Framing the Value of Diversity & Inclusion in Higher Education: Setting the Research Agenda*, to feature the latest diversity and inclusion related research, scholarship, and best practices to consider current trends, values, intersectional, and interdisciplinary perspectives and issues. The conference will provide opportunities to connect with scholars and researchers who are working in related diverse disciplines. Participants will engage in panel presentations, interactive panel discussions, and interdisciplinary workshop sessions.

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The conference aims to increase awareness of new directions in current and emerging research particularly intersectional, interdisciplinary and innovative critical scholarship. Panel sessions may explore the following questions: How do we build capacity and pathways for further development in diversity and inclusion? What are the new approaches and innovative strategies to address the paradoxes of diversity, inclusion, and equity in higher education? What are the opportunities and challenges for advancing interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to diversity and inclusion in research and scholarship? What areas of higher education policy can be informed and impacted by emerging research in diversity, equity, and inclusion?

Proposal Process, Eligibility, and Criteria:

We invite interested faculty, scholars, researchers, and post-doctoral Fellows to submit, 1) a proposal to present an individual scholarly paper; or 2) a proposal for a panel session with no more than 3-4 participants. Proposals for an interactive panel session should include strategies for involving audience participation. Individual presentations should be limited to no more than 15 minutes. Panel sessions should be no more than 60 minutes in length, allowing for 15 minutes for Q&A. Proposals should include the presentation title, a synopsis, and presenter contact information.

Proposal criteria:

- Overall clarity of the proposal will include: integration and coherence of theme and selected panelists; and synopsis should concisely state the purpose, significance of the topic and articulate scholarly contribution;
- Topics of interest may include: examination of theories, emerging issues, structures of diversity/inclusion, case studies, best practices, and/or significant findings;
- Intersectional, interdisciplinary and innovative critical research/scholarship is of particular interest

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Submit Proposals via the online web form at <http://academicaffairs.rutgers.edu/RFPFall2017>

For more details visit the conference website <http://academicaffairs.rutgers.edu/Diversity2017> or contact Glenda Daniel at glenda.daniel@rutgers.edu.