

Announcing a Request for Proposals  
2019 NEA Higher Education Conference (Pre-Summit)  
March 14-15, 2019

***Uniting Our Members and the Nation: All In for Higher Ed!***

The NEA Center for Organizing invites your proposals for the 2019 NEA Higher Education Conference, March 14-15, in Denver. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the request for proposals (RFP).

To qualify for consideration by the conference committee, your proposal *must* be submitted on [this site](#) (no exceptions) and must include *all* of the required information, as detailed on the site.

We are looking for sessions that focus on building power in our locals. It is also imperative that your presentation embody the conference's theme: ***Uniting Our Members and the Nation: All In for Higher Ed!***

Before submitting, please review the **NEA Leadership Competencies** and keep them in mind as you develop your proposal. <http://www.nea.org/home/67914.htm>

Priority consideration will be given to sessions that demonstrate the NEA core competencies and also present strategies to overcome the threats to higher education, exemplify collaboration among PK-12 and higher education institutions, and advocate for the rights of faculty, students, and all stakeholders. *Please explain how your proposal specifically addresses inclusion of one or more of the following groups: women, people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals.*

General session topics may include:

- *Organizing Successes*: Share tactics and strategies proven to engage members.
- *Leadership Identification and Development*: How locals are identifying leaders and developing their skills.
- *Member Recruitment*: Engagement and recruitment of all categories of higher ed members (*tenure-track and non-tenure-track* faculty, graduate assistants, academic professional staff, and Education Support Professionals) to build alliances and work collectively to provide an exceptional educational experience for all students.
- *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*: Tell us your stories of higher ed/K-12 collaboration.
- *Bargaining*: Stories of student-centered bargaining are especially welcome.
- *Contingent Faculty*: How locals work toward equity for contingent faculty.
- *Academic Professional Staff and Education Support Professionals*: Best practices for organizing and engaging members & potential members.

- *Coalition Building*: Community and stakeholder organizing.
- *Racial Justice*: Strategies for increasing enrollment of students of color to schools of education and ensuring those students' career success.
- *HBCUs and Minority-Serving Institutions*: Funding, organizing, policy issues
- *Data*: How locals use data to advance member engagement and recruitment efforts.
- *Professional Development*: Use of PD as a values-based organizing tool.

**Proposals are due by November 16th. Presenters will be notified of selection by December 7, 2018.**

If you have questions regarding the RFP process, please contact Valerie Wilk at [vwilk@nea.org](mailto:vwilk@nea.org).

Thank you,

The NEA Higher Education Conference Planning Committee

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