



**NEA OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION/NEA MINORITY COMMUNITY
OUTREACH DEPARTMENT**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP



**Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education
(POD)/Historically Black Colleges and Universities Faculty Development
Network (HBCUFDN) Joint Conference Travel Grant Proposal
Atlanta, GA – October 26-30, 2011**

I. Applicant Info

Name _____

Campus _____

Position _____

E-mail Address _____

Contact Telephone Number _____

Are you an NEA member? _____

How long have you been a member? _____

II. Overview

The NEA Office of Higher Education and the NEA Minority Community Outreach Department in partnership with POD and the HBCU Network is providing five full scholarships to this year’s POD/HBCUFDN joint conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference is from October 26th through the 30th and is a collaborative effort between POD and HBCUFDN, partners who are committed to diversity and recognizing the role it holds in developing faculty, professionals, and organizations. The conference theme is Create • Collaborate • Engage – with the focus being on creating innovative collaboration across the higher education community.

NEA is committed to providing meaningful professional development opportunities for its members and is excited about this collaboration. We will provide 4 scholarships to NEA members that are interested in attending this joint conference.

III. Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, applicants must be dues paying members of NEA

IV. Instructions (blank pages are provided for you at the bank of the document to complete the required essays)

- a. In 300 words or less, please give us a short biography of yourself, your work, and why you want to attend this conference.
- b. The following questions can be found on the conference website and represent questions that are being posed for reconsideration, thought, and dialogue.
 - How can we rethink our organizational structures so we work smarter in tough economic times, meet the needs of a rapidly changing student body, and keep our faculty colleagues up to speed – all without sacrificing those aspects of the academy we hold most dear?
 - How do we create, assess, and disseminate world-class faculty and organizational development programs?
 - How can we foster collaboration at nationwide level, as well as in our own departments and across professional organizations?
 - How do we best teach, develop, and support the next generation of faculty and faculty developers?
 - How can we help faculty members engage their students and institutions, and , maybe more importantly, how do we engage with the myriad stakeholders who influence and affect the work we do, including students, faculty, administrators, policy makers, and the general public?

Please choose 2 of the questions above to respond to through an insightful and fresh perspective. Each response should be 200 words or less in length.

- c. Please answer the both of the questions below in 300 words or less.
 1. How will you use this experience in the work of your union/local association chapter?
 2. How do you see this experience affecting your professional work as a member in your higher education institution to promote diversity, minority partnerships and collaboration?
- d. All proposals must be submitted in one complete package by **August 1, 2011**. Late submissions will not be accepted for review. Applications can be submitted

in two ways. Click on <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QNYM3R2> and submit your application via survey monkey or you can download this application, type your responses and email it to higheredconference@nea.org. You will receive a confirmation from our office once your proposal is received.

V. Review Process

After the committee members have separately rated the proposals, the committee will meet to rank the proposals as a group. Decisions will be made by **August 30, 2011** and scholarship recipients will be e-mailed to be notified of the committee's decision no later than **September 9, 2011**.

VI. Grant

Travel grants will be distributed per NEA travel guidelines. All receipts must be kept and submitted for reimbursement. Airfare, hotel arrangements, travel reimbursement, conference registration and meals will be provided as a part of this travel grant.

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