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2019 Presenter & Facilitator Submission Guidelines & FAQs

Timelines & Deadlines

July 10 - September 26: Presentation application open
 September 27 - October 14: Presentation applications reviewed
 October 15 - Applicants notified of the status of their submission; Registration opens



Session Guidelines

Session Formats & Speaking Opportunities




We accept applications for presenters and facilitators. Please see details below about agenda opportunities:

Presenter Opportunities

 <p>Best Practice Presentations</p>	<p>75-minute sessions 2-4 presenters & 1 facilitator 20-50 attendees</p> <p>Best Practice Presentations showcase concrete examples and how-to's about social innovation and changemaking initiatives on campus.</p> <p><u>NEW THIS YEAR:</u> You can apply as a group presentation with colleagues working on similar topics. Or you can apply as an individual presentation and Ashoka U will curate your session by matching you with other aligned presenters.</p>
 <p>Big Idea Talks</p>	<p>10-12-minute talks 1 presenter 20-50 attendees</p> <p>Big Idea Talks are engaging TED-style, 10-12-minute presentations. We will select talks about big-picture, cutting-edge ideas transforming higher education or the social sector. All speakers will be part of a session with two other Talks. It will be hosted by an emcee. See previous Talks here.</p>

 <p>Community Lunches</p>	<p>60-minute sessions 1 conversation host 10-12 attendees Community Lunches are small, informal discussions during lunch in the main dining area. They are about fun, interesting topics not featured elsewhere on the agenda.</p>
 <p>Workshops</p>	<p>75 or 180-minute sessions 1-2 presenters 20-50 attendees Workshops are hands-on sessions designed to go deep into skill-building or deep into a subject that can help fuel social innovation and changemaking initiatives on campus.</p>

Facilitator Opportunities

 <p>Best Practice Facilitator</p>	<p>75-minute sessions 2-4 presenters & 1 facilitator 20-50 attendees Best Practice Facilitators bring the speakers and session together to prepare and create a rich, experiential learning experience.</p>
 <p>Big Idea Talk Emcee</p>	<p>10-12-minute talks 1 presenter 20-50 attendees Big Idea Talks are engaging TED-style, 10-12-minute presentations. We will select talks about big-picture, cutting-edge ideas transforming higher education or the social sector. The emcee will serve as a coach for three Big Idea Talk speakers to help speakers hone in on the Talk. See previous Talks here.</p>
 <p>Peer Huddle Host</p>	<p>2-3 meetings during the Exchange 6-8 people per group Peer Huddles are a curated opportunity for attendees to get to know each other in a small group setting. Peer Huddle Hosts will lead a conversation before the Exchange and facilitate 2-3 meetings with their group during the Exchange. The Exchange team will be responsible for selecting the participants in the Peer Huddle.</p>

Number of Speakers

Each Best Practice session will have **at between two and four presenters**. We will prioritize sessions with representatives from different institutions/organizations. This ensures a diverse range of perspectives, reflecting the diversity of participants at the Exchange.

Each workshop will have one and two presenters. Each Big Idea Talk will feature one speaker (in special cases, the talks can have two speakers).

Diversity

While our current agenda and presentation model helps to ensure that higher education stakeholders already in our network are positioned on the agenda, there are still other topic experts who are often missing – like students and community partners.

This year, we're committing to showcasing the tapestry of perspectives on the agenda – and we ask you to join us! In particular, we invite you to include perspectives from nonprofits and underrepresented communities. Sessions proposals are strongly encouraged to reflect this value in their descriptions and the individuals participating as presenters.

Proposal Criteria

Please consider the following questions as you submit your application. We will keep these questions in mind when reviewing submissions:

- Is the proposal content of current interest or on an emerging topic?
- Do the session designer and speaker(s) have expertise on this topic?
- Does this proposal support Ashoka U's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion?
- Has the proposal content been implemented?
- Is the proposal an innovative solution, or does it offer a fresh treatment?
- Does the proposal address or support solving significant problems in higher education?
- Are the learning objectives clearly defined so that the audience knows what they're leaving with?

Application Questions

The presenter and facilitator applications both include two parts: the first part is general biographical information and the second is the presentation application.

- [See Presenter Application questions here](#)
- [See Facilitator Application questions here](#)

Speaker Registration

All selected presenters are responsible for expenses incurred in conjunction with the 2019 Ashoka U Exchange including registration, accommodation, and travel. Please consult the Luciana Goles, lgoles@ashoka.org, if you have any concerns about registration.

Proposal Development Support

Suggested Topics

Post Secondary education is complex. That's why we want our programming to reflect the many perspectives found within (and around) colleges and universities. We create a programming lineup each year that represents a healthy balance of sessions about a diversity of content areas that represent critical components of the higher education ecosystem:

- **Student Engagement** – *Best Practices for connecting with and engaging one of the largest stakeholder groups in higher ed – students*
- **Co-Curricular Offerings** – *Thoughtful, inclusive, and rigorous models for co-curricular offerings related to social innovation*
- **Teaching, Courses, & Course Sequences** – *Innovative course syllabi & effective methods for teaching social innovation*

- **Community Engagement** - Ongoing, mutually beneficial cross-sector partnerships between an institution & the community
- **Cross-Sector Collaboration** - Best practices for breaking down boundaries between higher education other sectors for greater impact
- **Institutional Strategy** - Approaches for embedding social innovation into culture, communications, curriculum, programming, etc.
- **Impact Evaluation** - Methods for collecting data and evaluating the effects of social innovation and changemaking in higher education
- **Well-being** - Methods for social changemakers to be healthier and more supportive of self care practices
- **Equity & Inclusion** - Intentions and practices for fostering equity and engaging groups who are often excluded/marginalized
- **Other**

Previous Agendas

Looking for inspiration? [Here you can find previous programs](#) with the sessions and speakers.

Community Support

The Exchange is not just a conference, it's a community! You're encouraged to workshop ideas, look for collaborators, and fine tune proposals that might be interesting to the community. This year, we invite you to do that on the Exchange Community Facebook group.

To request feedback:

1. Ask to join the "[Ashoka U Exchange Community](#)" Facebook group
2. Write a post to the group on the discussion wall for your session.
3. Qualify the post saying "**#SessionFeedback**" at the beginning of the post
4. Share your idea, questions about your topic, etc.
5. Be clear about your request "Does this topic resonate?" "Is anyone else working on this topic?" "My topic is broad - any ways to make this more specific and useful?"
6. Look for other posts that might resonate with yours and feel free to "Yes, and" the comment (aka add your questions and insights to keep the conversation flowing)

To provide feedback:

1. Ask to join the "[Ashoka U Exchange Community](#)" Facebook group
2. Look for the posts with "Session Submission Feedback"
3. Keep comments constructive and actionable
4. Look out for potential collaborators!

Share the Opportunity

Please feel free to share this [SlideShare](#) deck about presentation opportunities at the Exchange. With the intentions of hosting our most inclusive conference yet, we also know we can't do it alone.

General FAQs

Who can submit a proposal?

We encourage anyone with relevant experience and topic knowledge to submit a presentation application. You do not need to be part of any of Ashoka U's other programs (Commons or Changemaker Campus) to be considered.

How are the presentations selected?

Presentations will be selected by an agenda advisory committee this year. The committee will be comprised of previous Exchange attendees and Ashoka staff members. They will select based on relevance and presenter expertise. Please see the "Proposal Criteria" above for more clarity about the questions we'll be considering.

Are there scholarships available?

We have a limited number of partial registration scholarships available for speakers, based on need. Please contact Luciana Góes, lgoes@ashoka.org with requests for scholarship funding or questions. We will prioritize first time Exchange attendees, community partners, and students.