2015 UNT EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

“World Class Learning, Creativity, and the Entrepreneurial Classroom”

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

I. General Information

The annual UNT Educational Leadership Conference will be held at the UNT Gateway Center Ballroom in Denton, Texas on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the 2015 UNT Conference is to engage participants in discussions about research, policy, and practice in educational leadership and administration. The keynote speaker for the 2015 Conference is Dr. Yong Zhao, speaker, author and professor of technology and innovation in education. Dr. Zhao will also host a Question and Answer session with conference participants.

II. Conference Sessions

The UNT Education Leadership Conference Call for Proposals encourages submissions that explore issues in the conference theme of “World Class Learning, Creativity, and the Entrepreneurial Classroom” or additional topics including:

• Education and Learning in a World of Difference
• Technology and Innovation in the Classroom
• Organizational Change
• Leadership, Education, and Social Justice
• Politics and Policies for Educational Equity
• Educational Leadership Preparation Programs for a Diverse Environment

The following formats will be accepted for research sessions this year:

A. Paper Session. These sessions are intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice in an abbreviated form. Presenters are expected to provide electronic copies of papers. The proposal summary should include a statement of purpose, theoretical framework, findings, and conclusions. For research reports, also describe data sources and methods. Papers will be organized according to research topics and/or methodology. A discussion leader will be assigned to facilitate dialogue for the session.

B. Structured Poster Session. These sessions are intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice in an abbreviated form. Presenters are expected to provide a visual graphic display. The proposal summary should include a statement of purpose, theoretical framework, findings, and conclusions. For research reports, also describe data sources and methods. Posters will be organized according to research topics and/or methodology. A brief 5-7 minute oral presentation should accompany the poster.
C. Roundtable Discussion Session. These sessions are informal paper sessions that allow for maximum discussion time among participants. Presenters are expected to provide a brief 10-12 minute summary of the research. Presentations are grouped according to research topics and categories and a discussion is facilitated among the participants following all presentations. The proposal summary should include a statement of purpose, theoretical framework, findings, and conclusions. For research reports, also describe data sources and methods. Papers will be organized according to research topics and/or methodology. A discussion leader will be assigned to facilitate timing and questions for the session.

III. Proposal Criteria

Paper and poster proposals will be evaluated for:

- Relevance to conference theme or topics listed above
- Thoroughness and clarity of the proposal
- Theoretical framework, methods, analysis, and presentation of findings (for empirical research); and
- Significance

IV. Participation Guidelines and Proposal Deadlines

Submission length should be 3-5 double-spaced pages, using 12-point font and 1-inch margins. References are included in the page limit and should not exceed one page. Individuals engaged in research, policy or practice in educational leadership at scholarly (higher-education) institutions may submit proposals. Doctoral students engaged in scholarly research may submit proposals with the approval and mentorship of their academic advisor. Proposals must be received by September 1, 2015. All proposals should be sent electronically to COE-EdLeadership@unt.edu for consideration. Conference Presenters will be notified by email October 1, 2015 and will be expected to register for the conference by October 15, 2015. Participants will receive discounted registration to attend the conference. In your conference proposal, please indicate your research preference (paper, poster, and roundtable).

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