

International Education Leadership Knowledge Community 2022 Call for Proposals

The International Education Leadership Knowledge Community (IEL KC) invites you to submit a session, poster, or workshop proposal for the NAFSA 2022 Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, Colorado. The IEL KC supports senior international officers (SIOs) and other international education leaders who provide the vision and build commitment for comprehensive internationalization.

Annual Conference Theme: Building Our Shared Future

The NAFSA 2022 conference will be an opportunity for the international education community to move forward on a new journey together. We will discuss the recovery and progress of the international education field, share new ideas, and explore innovative ways of building our sustainable future. We will celebrate our diversity and resilience and collaborate on charting new paths towards a more equitable, sustainable and inclusive tomorrow. We will ground our discussions in possibility and creativity, and look for opportunities to educate each other, innovate with each other and advocate for each other.

In particular, the International Education Leadership Knowledge Community (IEL KC) encourages proposals on the following topics:

Advocacy

This topic is about making your voice heard and ensuring that international higher education is promoted at all governmental and community levels. What works in different cultural, political, and social contexts? Formal lobbying and informal persuasion are all useful approaches for this topic.

Diversity and Inclusion

This topic underscores the need for international education leaders to be intentionally engaged in advancing racial justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as core values in the profession. How do we define DEI in international education and in non-US and global contexts? What are the opportunities and challenges facing international offices when collaborating with DEI offices to help amplify the voices of their respective constituencies and stakeholders?

Global Issues and Trends

This topic covers large-scale geopolitical and social issues, government policies, demographic trends and their impact on international higher education. National, regional, international and comparative perspectives are all welcome.

Management and Strategy

This topic addresses institutional concerns from the leadership level. It recognizes the challenges and opportunities for institutions and how to address them, including: comprehensive internationalization, career progression for leadership roles, working with stakeholders, administrative issues, crisis management, change management, etc. Original research, case studies, comparative approaches are all welcome.

Promoting Safety, Mitigating Risk, and Responding to Crisis

This topic underscores the tools, communication processes, compliance, strategies, and planning that campuses and international offices use when faced with a crisis, health emergency, or safety concern in international education. What are some of the takeaways we have learned as we continue to manage the effects of COVID-19? In what ways has the COVID-19 pandemic prompted us to re-imagine the future of international education?

NAFSA welcomes proposals that highlight:

- The role of international education in building social, economic, and environmental justice, and especially in promoting access, equity, diversity and inclusion;
- Fostering economic and programmatic sustainability in international education strategies and offerings;
- Model practices for virtual, in-person and hybrid program design and delivery;
- International education leadership steering the recovery and rebuilding of the field;
- The role of international education in combatting climate change and fostering environmental sustainability;
- International education as a research field;
- Creative design and technologies in international education programs and services;
- Global, local, and campus-based advocacy for community engagement, shared responsibility and dialogue;
- Navigating legalities, risk, and ethical challenges around global programs and operations during and postpandemic;
- Measuring outcomes, assessing impact, and using data to advocate, educate and innovate for the future;
- Support strategies for mental health, self-care and resiliency;
- Career development and employability strategies to support the field at large, including students, scholars, faculty, and staff;
- The importance of personal and programmatic mentoring;
- Successful strategies for alumni engagement and cross-campus and cross-industry collaboration;
- Comprehensive internationalization efforts, especially at underrepresented institutions.

Proposal submission deadlines:

- Sessions and workshops: **August 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT)**
- Posters: **December 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT)**

For detailed information, visit www.nafsa.org/proposals.