



2016 Advanced Opportunities Conference

August 8th & 9th, 2016

Request for Proposal



SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND
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Mission:

The Advanced Opportunities Conference is focused on equipping secondary and post-secondary educators with the most current best practices and supports surrounding academic advising, student readiness, and career/college program expansion as students are encouraged to pursue their passion beyond high school. This effort is aligned with the State Board of Education's goal for 60% of Idahoans attain a postsecondary degree or certificate.

Agenda:

The Advanced Opportunities conference will be a two-day event including keynote speakers, workshop sessions, expert panels, and table discussions.

Conference Goals:

- Equip participants to leverage local and national tools and best practices available to broaden access to post-secondary education
- Provide participants with resources to maximize their effectiveness in post-secondary planning for students
- Expand participants' rolodex of 'lifelines' for career and academic advising and program utilization

Focus Areas

- *Student Readiness:* This strand focuses on practical resources for students to grow a go-on mindset. In these sessions, participants will explore issues of motivation, engaging underserved populations, and empowering students with the skills needed to achieve their goals.
- *Building On-ramps:* This strand explores options for expanding programmatic opportunities for students. Attendees will learn about practical strategies that leaders can use to make college and career opportunities widely accessible in their school/district.
- *Academic Advising:* This strand will provide participant with strategies for academic counseling. How does one develop a four- and six- year learning plan while building in college-credit bearing opportunities? In these strands, participants will learn about the various logistics involved when helping student build the bridge to their post-secondary goals.
- *School Culture:* This strand will focus on ideas for infecting the school culture with a go-on attitude. Attendees will explore strategies to increase the number of students that pursue post-secondary education and how to get students pumped up for their future while still in high school.



Dear Prospective Presenter:

Access to post-secondary education is a top priority for students in Idaho. The State Board of Education has set forth a goal that 60% of Idahoans will go-on to receive post-secondary degree or certificate by the year 2020. The attainment of dual credits by Idaho students correlates with this goal as research indicates that students who have earned dual credit are more likely to go on.

As the demand for dual credit in Idaho continues to grow, Idaho school districts are looking for avenues to provide such opportunities for high school students. The goal of this conference is to equip administrators, school counselors, dual credit teachers and mentors with tools and resources that will maximize their effectiveness in helping students plan for post-secondary options. The Advanced Opportunities Conference is geared towards expanding the spectrum of resources used by those to serve Idaho students as career mentors and academic advisors.

The Idaho State Department of Education is dedicated to providing Advanced Opportunities to all students through dual credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate programs, overload coursework, and professional technical education, and is committed to supporting schools in maximizing these resources for Idaho students. I know education vendors and supporters share this dedication and commitment. As such I invite you to be a part of this event.

The State Department of Education is requesting proposals for presenters for the first ever Advanced Opportunities Conference. Workshop presenters are asked to bring forth their ideas to share with counselors, dual credit teacher, school administrators, district personnel, and various other entities that assist student in college and career advising. Breakout sessions will be 75 or 90 minutes each, and will aim to provide tools and resources to participants in an interactive and hands-on fashion.

Included below, you will find details on how to submit a presentation proposal. We look forward to learning about your ideas to contribute to the Advanced Opportunities conference.

Warmly,

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Presentation Proposal Application

Application Process:

Visit <http://goo.gl/forms/fMZLmslw3z> to fill out the presentation proposal application by Friday, April 1st, 2016. Contact Tina Polishchuk with any questions.

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Selection Process:

Proposals will undergo a peer review process, taking into consideration the selection criteria and factors such as program balance and space availability. When reviewing proposals, the team will look for the following elements:

- Degree of innovation and originality of ideas
- Research-based practices
- Level of engagement with participants/attendees
- Relevance to focus areas (see page 2)
- Application to the field

Please note that ***organizations selling a product/program will not be entertained.***

Speakers will be notified no later than April 30th, 2016 as to the status of their proposal.

