



# *Promoting Student Transition and Equity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Higher Education*

## **Call for Proposals for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual LEAP Texas Conference**

LEAP Texas is pleased to invite well-developed proposals that focus upon how public institutions are leveraging the Texas Core Curriculum to improve undergraduate education; how private institutions are leveraging the principles of LEAP Texas to improve their undergraduate general education curricula; and how all institutions are creating robust and authentic assessments of student learning, embedding high-impact practices in undergraduate curriculum, and providing opportunities for faculty to continue to develop and improve curriculum and pedagogy. The theme for this year's Conference will be *Promoting Student Transition and Equity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Higher Education*, and will be held February March 25-27, 2018 at the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, in Houston, Texas. More information about the Conference can be found at <http://leaptx.org/events/fifth-annual-conference/>.

***Please consider submitting a proposal to [jeff.roberts@shsu.edu](mailto:jeff.roberts@shsu.edu) by October 20, 2017!***

### **Conference Tracks**

Presenters are encouraged to submit proposals that fall under one of the following Conference Tracks:

**Track A:** Assessing General Education Outcomes and/or the Texas Core Learning Objectives by private and public colleges and universities:

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills
- Teamwork
- Social Responsibility
- Personal Responsibility

**Track B:** Designing Effective Assignments and Signature Work

**Track C:** Successfully Implementing the VALUE Rubrics



**Track D:** Designing and Implementing High Impact Practices (HIPS)

**Track E:** Strategies for Successful Faculty Development

**Track F:** Assessment of Student Learning at the Course, Program, and Institutional Level

## **Guidelines for Proposal Submission, Evaluation, and Acceptance**

### **Concurrent Session Format**

- 50-minute Session
- Classroom Style Setting
- Projector and Screen Provided

### **Submission Guidelines**

All proposals should be submitted to [jeff.roberts@shsu.edu](mailto:jeff.roberts@shsu.edu) by Friday, October 20, 2017. The proposal should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document and is required to have all of the following elements:

- Title of the session
- Conference Track for the session
- Abstract providing a brief description of the session (100 words or less) for inclusion in the program
- An extended description of the session providing information about the larger significance of the session (500-750 words or less)
- Brief biographical sketch(es) of the presenter(s)

### **Evaluation of Proposals**

Each proposal will be reviewed by a minimum of two reviewers, and will be evaluated in the following areas:

- The overall quality of the proposal.
- The potential for replication of the information being presented within the session by others.



- The potential relevance and impact of the information being presented upon the higher education community.
- Qualifications of the presenters.

### **Acceptance of Proposals**

The primary presenters will be notified of the proposal's acceptance by November 17, 2017. If accepted, the presenter(s) must confirm their acceptance by November 27, 2017. All primary and co-presenters are expected to register for the conference and are responsible for their own registration fee, travel, and lodging.

### **Additional Information**

Questions regarding the Call for Proposals can be directed to Jeff Roberts ([jeff.roberts@shsu.edu](mailto:jeff.roberts@shsu.edu)).

Please visit the LEAP Texas website (<http://leaptx.org/events/fifth-annual-conference/>) for any additional information regarding registration, lodging, and travel.