



Call for Proposals

**American Association of Blacks in Higher Education
2010 National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education
Buckhead Hotel Atlanta**

March 25-27, 2010

Conference Theme: Educational Collaborations and Networks: Bridges to Learning and Leading

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: October 15, 2009

Conference Goals

The major goals of the 2010 AABHE National Conference are:

1. To provide a forum to discuss key issues that enhance access and success for Black students and professions.
2. To showcase educational initiatives that facilitate effective collaborations and networks.
3. To provide a forum to discuss contemporary issues in K-12, 2 year and 4 year institutions.
4. To provide a forum to discuss graduate student success.
5. To provide a forum to discuss professional development and career advancement for faculty and administrators.
6. To provide a forum to discuss the impact of race on the educational achievement of Blacks.

Strand Areas

1. Leadership Development and Career Enhancement for Blacks in the Academy

This strand will explore collaboration and networks that support the survival and growth of faculty, staff, and administrators in the academy. This may also include intergenerational, global, cross cultural and interdisciplinary practices, models and research that enhance learning and leadership among Blacks.

2. Pipelines and Pathways

Collaborations and networking between educational and community stakeholders are vital to promoting access and success for Black students. This strand will explore an array of critical policy developments, programs, partnerships, and linkages. These linkages include and are not limited to partnerships among K-12, 2 and 4 year institutions, governmental agencies, profit and not-for-profit organizations. Initiatives and interventions that promote access, retention and success among Black males in K-12, 2 year and 4 year institutions are also welcomed.

3. Using technology for Collaboration and Networking

This strand will highlight the advances, trends, and applications to enhance the educational experiences of Black students and professional development in the academy.

4. Fostering Opportunities and Success Among African Americans in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Disciplines and other underrepresented fields of study

Based on the dire statistics reported in the National Academy of Science's publication *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, this strand seeks to not only underscore the crisis that the nation is experiencing related to the paucity of African Americans in STEM related disciplines but seeks also to offer viable solutions to academe in an effort to circumvent this crisis.

A focus of this strand will be a discussion on areas that need to be addressed such as academic preparation, graduation, mentoring programs, professional development, partnerships, pipeline projects, careers and graduation education.

Proposals will be considered late and will not be accepted after 11:59 p.m. on October 15, 2009. Presenters will be notified by December 1, 2009. Please forward proposals electronically only to: blofton@uark.edu For questions or concerns please feel free to call 479-575-4557.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

ALL PROPOSALS must clearly focus on one of the FOUR identified strands. Proposal submissions must include:

- The **title** of the presentation (paper to be presented)
- The **strand (I, II, III, or IV)** selected for presentation
- An **abstract** of the presentation (not to exceed **200** words)
- An **overview** of the presentation (not to exceed four single-spaced pages)
 - o Conceptually or theoretically strong foundation
 - o Purpose of the presentation/core issue(s) addressed in the presentation
 - o What the audience will learn/take-away from the presentation
 - o How the presentation reflects the selected conference strand

- o What major outcomes or issues will be addressed in the presentation and
how audience will participate in an interactive component during the presentation

- Follow APA guidelines for style and quality
- The **name(s)** of the **presenter(s)**
- The **presenter(s) institutional or organizational** affiliation
- The **presenter(s) title** and a **brief biography** (not to exceed two paragraphs)
- The **presenter(s) – Include information for ALL presenters**
 - o Mailing address
 - o Telephone and facsimile numbers
 - o Electronic mail address

- Equipment Needed
 - o overhead projector & screen

 - o LCD Projector

Please e-mail proposal to: **Dr. Barbara A. Lofton, Director
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