

SOCIAL STUDIES MATTERS!



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Call for Proposals Submission Guide

National Council for the Social Studies
100TH Annual Conference
December 4–6, 2020
Washington, DC



www.socialstudies.org/conference

Walter E. Washington Convention Center | 801 Mount Vernon Place, Northwest | Washington, D.C.

SEEKING GREAT PROPOSALS

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The National Council for the Social Studies invites you to submit a proposal to present at our 100th Annual Conference. We also invite you to submit a presentation proposal for the co-located National Law-Related Education Conference (sponsored by the American Bar Association) and the conference of the National Council for Geographic Education.

The NCSS Annual Conference is the largest gathering of K-12 social studies classroom teachers, college and university faculty members, curriculum designers and specialists, district and state social studies supervisors, international educators, and social studies discipline leaders. For our 100th Annual Conference, we will also be joined by the American Bar Association's Division for Public Education and the National Council for Geographic Education under one roof!

OUR VISION

A world in which all students are educated and inspired for lifelong inquiry and informed civic action.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the National Council for the Social Studies is to advocate and build capacity for high-quality social studies by providing leadership, services, and support to educators.

TIPS FOR A GREAT PROPOSAL

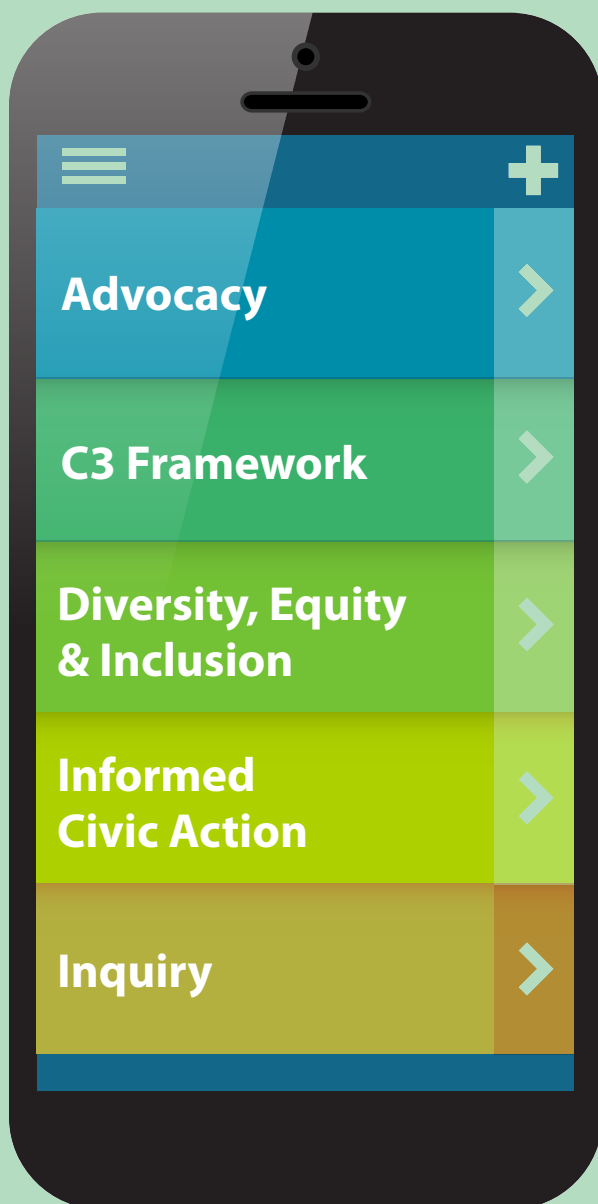
STEP 1: KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

All data is from 2019.

BIG IDEAS

What is your big idea?

Consider submitting a proposal based on one of these big ideas!



4,000
EDUCATORS

230
EXHIBITORS

8 MOST COMMON ATTENDEE JOB ROLES

Classroom Teacher

Instructional Coach

School/District Supervisor

State Education Department
Supervisor/Director

Education Consultant
Publisher/Writer/Developer

Principal/Assistant Principal

Preservice/Graduate Student

Teacher Preparation Faculty



TIPS FOR A GREAT PROPOSAL

STEP 2: PICK SESSION TYPE

Presentation: A 60-minute traditional session.

Panel: A 60-minute session with a moderator and at least two panelists.

Power Session: A 30-minute session that is a short presentation over a topic, resource or tool.

Poster Session: Presenters put together a poster display and communicate their objectives. This session is 60 minutes long and typically involves 1:1 interactivity with attendees.

Workshop: Workshops take place on the Sunday morning of the conference and are two hours in length.

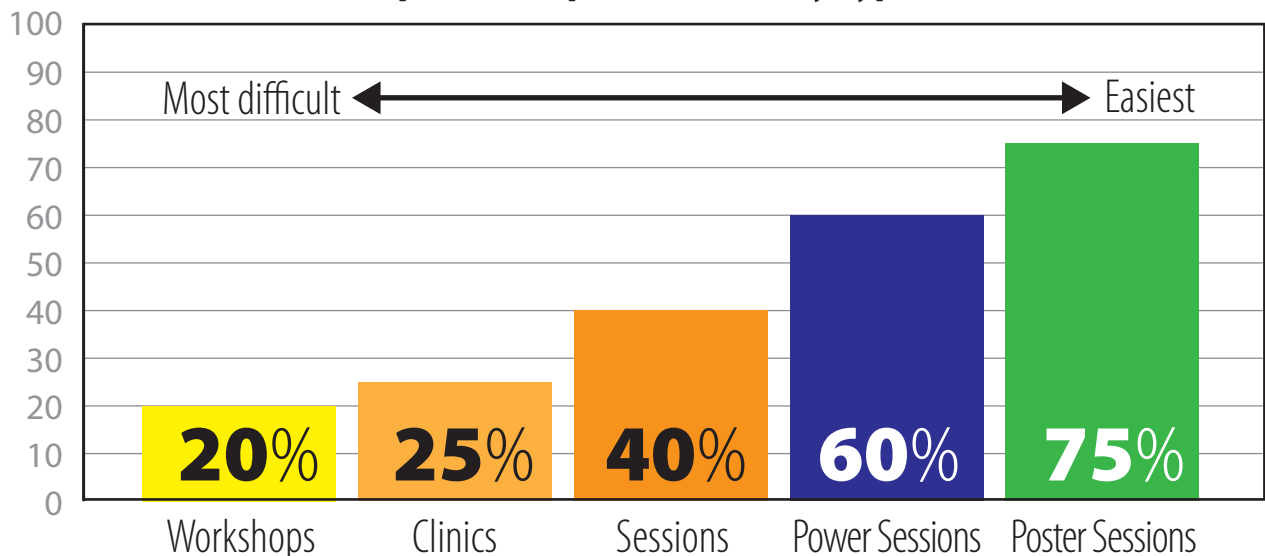
Workshops should include in-depth learning and exploration.

Clinic: Clinics take place the Thursday before the conference begins. Clinics can be a half day or full day, but should include in-depth learning and exploration.

Off-Site Clinic: These clinics should take place at a local site, but can be a half or full day. There should be a significant rationale for holding the clinic off-site and each clinic should include in-depth learning and exploration.

TIP Make sure the type of session you choose matches with your objectives, session strategies, etc. This will help show that you have aligned all elements of your proposal.

Proposal Acceptance Rates By Type



TIPS FOR A GREAT PROPOSAL

STEP 3: CHOOSE A PRIMARY FOCUS AND SECONDARY FOCUS

PRIMARY FOCUS AREA

Anthropology
Civics/Government
Cross-Disciplinary
Curriculum and
Instruction

Economics/
Financial Literacy
Geography
Global Studies
Law/Law-Related
Education

Literacy
Psychology
Sociology
Technology
U.S. History
World History

TIP

Think about the area that makes up the majority of your session. For example, if your session is 60% demonstration of tech tools, you should select “Technology” even if the other 40% is U.S. history. For example, if your session is demonstrating questioning techniques using primary sources, you may consider selecting “Curriculum and Instruction,” rather than a specific content area.

(Select “Cross-Disciplinary” if your session crosses multiple disciplines.)

SECONDARY FOCUS AREA (IF APPLICABLE)

Assessment
Disciplinary Thinking
English Language Learners/
Bilingual Education
Equity
Human Rights/
Indigenous Education

Inquiry
Issues-Centered Education
Social Justice
Student Voice

TIP

You can select up to three secondary focus areas, but only select those that are directly connected to your session.



TIPS FOR A GREAT PROPOSAL

STEP 4: FINALIZE YOUR PROPOSAL

SELECT TARGET AUDIENCE

Early Childhood/Elementary
PreK–12
Middle Level/Junior High
6–12

Secondary/High School
Higher Education
Supervisor/Administrative



Be sure to select the target audience that most closely matches with your proposed session.

SESSION FORMAT

Listen and Learn: This is a more traditional session category. These sessions are predominantly one-way communication and do not involve a lot of audience participation.

Participate and Share: This format should include presentation of new information but also involve participants in some way.

Engage and Connect: This format is specifically designed to help conference attendees engage with each other.

ABSTRACT

The description should be directed toward attendees and what they will learn by attending this session. Please start with an active verb such as explore, discover, receive—and avoid beginning with “This presentation will...” Please do not copy/paste from Microsoft Word.



It is important that the abstract speak for itself. This is what attendees will see and is the only information they will have about your session.

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OBJECTIVES

Clearly state your goals for this session. What do you hope to accomplish?



Create reasonable objectives for the session format you selected. Be sure to start objectives with verbs.

CONTENT/SKILLS

Describe in detail what participants will learn by attending this session. What new skills, teaching methods, content, lesson ideas, or applications of technology will they come away with?



Be sure to match the expectations of content/skills with the type of session you have selected. For example: If you are proposing to do a power session, you probably cannot accomplish multiple pieces of content or skills in just 30 minutes.

STRATEGIES

What do you plan to do in your presentation and why? Use as much space as you need to communicate your intent and the value of what you are proposing. There is no word limit.

STEP 5: SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Deadline for
Submitting
Proposals
February
10



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 How do I submit my proposal?

For NCSS and ABA: All proposals must be submitted via our online submission form at <https://www.socialstudies.org/conference/proposals>.

For NCGE: All proposals must be submitted via online submission at <http://ncge.org/conference/submissions>.

2 Do I have to be an NCSS member to present?

No, you do not. However, all presenters must register to attend the conference. A discounted registration rate is given to NCSS members who register before the advance registration period ends.

3 Is there a fee to submit a proposal?

No. However, if your proposal is accepted you must register to attend the conference.

4 Can I submit more than one proposal?

Yes. However, it is unlikely that multiple proposals will be accepted.

5 When do I need to complete my submission?

The deadline for submitting proposals is February 10, 2020.

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SAMPLE PROPOSAL FORM

This is a sample proposal form for viewing purposes only. All proposals must be submitted online for consideration. Mailed copies of this sample proposal will not be considered.

*Indicates a required entry.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Acknowledgment* I acknowledge and understand presenters are required to register for the conference by November 27, 2020. Please share this information with any co-presenters. Note: NCSS does not reimburse conference presenters for travel or hotel expenses.

Presenters are responsible for providing any materials they plan to use or distribute in their presentation. They are also responsible for the costs of any A/V equipment needed. You will find those costs listed in the proposal form. If your proposal form is accepted, NCSS will confirm your A/V needs and you will be billed for the options you choose.

- Yes No

Acknowledgment* I consent to the collection and use of my personal information, including receiving emails, for activities related to the participation in the 100th NCSS Annual Conference. I have also obtained the consent of all other individuals whose information I provide.

- Yes No

Session Title* _____

Session Type* (Select 1)

- Presentation
- Panel
- Power Session
- Poster Session
- Workshop
- Clinic
- Off-Site Clinic

Session Format* (Select 1)

- Listen and Learn
- Participate and Share
- Engage and Connect

SAMPLE PROPOSAL FORM

Target Audience for Session* (Select 1)

- Early Childhood/Elementary
- PreK–12
- Middle Level/Junior High
- 6–12
- Secondary/High School
- Higher Education
- Supervisor/Administrative

PRESENTER INFORMATION

First Name* _____

Last Name* _____

Email* _____

Cell Phone* _____

Address* _____

Address (optional) _____

City* _____

State/Province* _____

Zip/Postal Code* _____

Country* _____

Twitter _____

Professional/Job Information*

- Classroom Teacher
- Instructional Coach
- School/District Supervisor
- State Education Department
- Education Consultant
- Publisher/Writer/Developer
- Principal/Assistant Principal
- Teacher Preparation Faculty

Other _____

Organization* _____

Organization City* _____

Organization State* _____

Organization Country* _____

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Additional Information* Check all that apply.

- NCSS HOD Delegate
- First-Time NCSS Conference Attendee
- First-Time NCSS Conference Proposal Submitter
- Rho Kappa or Rho Kappa Junior Student or Sponsor
- National Board Certified Teacher
- New Career Teacher (1–5 years teaching experience)
- AP Teacher
- None of the above

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SESSION TOPIC AREAS

Primary Focus Area* (Select 1)

- Anthropology
- Civics/Government
- Cross-disciplinary
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Economics/Financial Literacy
- Geography
- Global Studies
- Law/Law-Related Education
- Literacy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Technology
- U.S. History
- World History

Secondary Focus Area(s) Select up to two.

- Assessment
- Disciplinary Thinking
- English Language Learners/Bilingual Education
- Equity
- Human Rights/Indigenous Education
- Inquiry
- Issues-Centered Education
- Social Justice
- Student Voice

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PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Abstract* Describe your session in less than 30 words.

Objectives* (Identify no more than three objectives)

Content/Skills*

Strategies*

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NCSS Group, Exhibitor or Sponsor* Is this proposal being submitted on behalf of an NCSS Associated Group, Community, Committee, Exhibitor or Sponsor?

- Yes No

Group Name _____

A/V Needs*

- No A/V
- LCD Projector and Sound Path - \$125
- DVD Player, LCD Projector, and Sound Patch - \$160
- Laptop, LCD Projector, and Sound Patch - \$175

Internet* _____

Password* _____





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