Call for Proposals (Posters & Lightning Round Talks)

2019 Open Education Symposium
Virginia Tech - March 4, 2019

The University Libraries at Virginia Tech invites proposals for conference posters and lightning round talks to be presented at the 2019 Open Education Symposium held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, on March 4, 2018. This event is part of Open Education Week, an internationally recognized initiative sponsored by the Open Education Consortium with the goal of raising awareness of open education.

For more information about the 2019 Open Education Symposium at Virginia Tech visit [link].

The theme of the 2019 Open Education Symposium is “Expanding Open Education in Colleges & Universities.” Supporting topics include:

**Open Educational Practices/Open Pedagogy**
Opening teaching practices through open textbooks, openly licensed student work as open educational resources (OER), and opening more traditional practices as an accelerator for open education. This encompasses new approaches to teaching and learning based on openness, OER-enhanced teaching, facilitating informal learning with open resources, and course redesign with a focus on open, including the tools used to facilitate these practices.

**Connecting the Opens**
Theoretical or practical approaches for connecting open education to other forms of openness—for example, open access, open science, open source software, and open pedagogy.

**Student Perspectives**
How students engage with open, including students’ perceptions of open education, student-led initiatives to advance open education and research, impacts of open for students, and students’ experience as open education leaders.

**Policies & Strategies for Open Education in Formal Educational Spaces**
Consideration of what effective open education policies look like at institutional, state, and federal levels—for example, designing effective strategies and policies, establishing recognition and rewards, and aligning values with institutional missions.

**Poster & Lightning Round Presentations**
Posters should give a good overview of an idea, project, or issue; discuss new research; or present existing information in a new way that falls into one or more of the supporting topics described above. Poster presenters will give a 90-second lightning round talk at the beginning of the poster presentation. Posters can be print or digital and will be on display on March 4th throughout the day. Proposals will be peer-reviewed, and posters from accepted proposals will be published in the event’s conference proceedings, which will be freely and publicly accessible via the University’s Institutional Repository, VTechWorks.
Proposal Submission Information

Submissions are due **January 28th, 2019 extended to February 14th at 11:59pm** and should include the following information:

- Names and institution or organization of presenter(s)
- Title of Poster (up to 100 characters)
- Abstract (up to 300 words)
- Keywords (up to 5)

Proposals can be submitted here.

Eligibility

Proposals are welcome from faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, and staff—from Virginia Tech and beyond.

Review Criteria

We encourage proposals that are original, engaging, significant, of high quality, clear, and relevant.

- Original: the proposal explores a new idea, project, or issue; discusses new research; or presents new ways of considering existing information
- Engaging: presentation format will involve the audience in some way, or has high potential to attract conference attendees by addressing needs of the community
- Significant: the proposal raises and discusses issues important to transforming education through open approaches, and its contents can be broadly disseminated and understood
- High Quality: claims are supported by sufficient data; claims draw upon relevant literature; and limitations are described honestly
- Clear: the intended outcomes of the session are easily understood
- Relevant: the proposal addresses one or more conference topics

Timeline

February 14, 2019: Proposals due 11:59pm
February 15th: Notification of proposal acceptance
February 28th, 12pm: Final day to submit electronic versions of posters
March 4th, 1:30-3:30pm: Lightning round talks and poster session

Poster Specifications

After acceptance, participants will create posters that are 48”x36” (4:3 aspect ratio) and are saved in PDF file format. A Poster Design Workshop will be offered on 2/19 to provide additional guidance in poster design before the poster submission deadline. Helpful information about creating and formatting your poster is available here.

Questions?

Please contact Alex Kinnaman or Kayla McNabb