# **Call for Proposals**

# **Inspire Entrepreneurship Conference**

# **Connect, Collaborate, Create**

Humber College and Seneca College are pleased to invite you to the Inspire Entrepreneurship Conference where participants will Connect, Collaborate and Create. The conference will be held on Thursday May 7th, 2020 in Toronto, Ontario.

The Inspire Entrepreneurship Conference presented in collaboration with Humber College’s Centre for Entrepreneurship (CfE) and Seneca HELIX will focus on Entrepreneurial discovery, research, innovation and collaboration.  This one-day conference will bring together and support students, entrepreneurship educators, entrepreneurs, community and Industry partners in their entrepreneurial Journey.  Participants will have the ability to connect, collaborate and create within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Activities delivered throughout the one-day conference will encourage and create opportunities for collaborations between students and industry, academia and industry, and academia and students. Workshops, presentations and panel discussions will be fundamental in knowledge creation for participants, they will also provide many experiential learning opportunities and exposure to entrepreneurial culture.

***Deadline for Submission: Thursday, March 12th, 2020 at 5 pm.***

## Session Descriptions

We are seeking diverse ideas and perspectives for conference sessions. There are 4 categories available to participate in. The Categories include:

1. Entrepreneurship Start-up
2. Innovation and Entrepreneurial Research
3. Supporting Entrepreneurship through Economic Development
4. Entrepreneurial Mind-set

We are looking for creative, engaging, current and relevant sessions. Break-out sessions are 50 minutes In length (see descriptions for sessions and categories below). We encourage interactive and creative proposals.

## Session Category descriptions (we need to provide more descriptions)

1. Startup Entrepreneurship: sessions provide participants with an opportunity to take their idea to the next level. Some examples of sessions within this category include: ideation, entrepreneur tools, support, women in entrepreneurship, and social entrepreneurship.
2. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research: Practices, Collaborations, and Learnings: sessions focus on researching industry, competitors and companies, solving industry problems, and working with partners.
3. Supporting Entrepreneurship through Economic Development: sessions will focus on encouraging support networks for entrepreneurs (funding opportunities, community incubators/accelerators) and fostering startup ecosystems.
4. Entrepreneurial Mindset: Sessions will focus on effective practices and approaches.

## Formats

**Presentation:** 50 minutes (40 minute presentation, plus 10-minute discussion period). Presentations provide an opportunity to share knowledge, experience and/or innovative thinking.

**Workshop**: 50 minutes. Workshops are immersive learning sessions that emphasize experiential learning. Workshops should include participant activities and provide opportunities to apply to their entrepreneurial journey.

**Panel:** 50 minutes. Panels provide an opportunity for up to three panelists and one moderator to share and compare their experiences on a single topic. The goal for the panel would be to provide audience members the opportunity to engage in discussion and learn from each other’s experiences. Panels should include a discussion period of 15 to 20 minutes.

## How to apply

All proposal materials must be submitted through [inspire@humber.ca](mailto:inspire@humber.ca). Deadline for submissions is March 12th, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern time.

To create and submit your proposal, **use and submit the proposal submission form below** and complete the following:

* Proposed session title:
* Facilitators name:
* Facilitators contact information: (email and phone number)
* Preferred format type: Presentation, Workshop, Panel
* Abstract for Publication, this will be posted on the webpage and should address conference themes (200 words).
* A description of your proposed session. What will happen in your session? What outcomes will your session achieve?
* Key takeaways and goals for your session. What will the participants take from the session? What are the learning outcomes?
* Proposals should be no longer than 2 pages.

**Applicants will be notified and advised of next steps by March 19th, 2020.**

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**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

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## Proposed Session Title:

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## Facilitators Name:

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## Facilitators Contact Information:

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## Description of Proposed Session:

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## Key Takeaways & Goals for Session:

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