



Call for proposals

**Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) Institute
From July 24 to 26, 2018
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA**

The Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) is interested in receiving proposals for its Annual Institute. Submissions may include (but are not limited to) panel discussions, keynotes, workshops, research exposés and poster presentations. The theme of this year is: **Fostering Coop Innovation**. The event will take place at the Carlson School of Management – University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minnesota) from July 24 to 26, 2018.

Our organization:

The Association of Cooperative Educators (www.ace.coop), founded in 1969, is an international non-profit organization that has for mission to strengthen cooperatives and the cooperative movement by promoting innovative educational responses to social and economic changes. ACE provides its members a forum to highlight programs and practices that increase understanding, innovation and professionalism in cooperative education. ACE has members all across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

ACE benefits cooperative education and the cooperative movement by:

1. Promoting cooperative research;
2. Developing linkages between universities, cooperatives and supporting organizations;
3. Building capacity to support the development of innovation and acumen in cooperatives;
4. Spreading the word by providing resources on cooperative education.

About the Institute:

The annual ACE Institute is the only annual conference in North America dedicated solely to the promotion of cooperative education and to the training of all cooperators (educators, leaders, developers, learners, etc.). It is a unique learning opportunity for 100-120 cooperators from all cooperative sectors and across national boundaries.

About the proposals:

Cooperators, researchers, scholars, community activists, collective entrepreneurs, public servants, experts and cooperative educators are encouraged to submit a proposal for a chance

to showcase their innovation, research, key findings or expertise. Large and small cooperative organizations are encouraged to apply. We are specifically interested in the following formats:

- 5 keynote presentations (30 minutes each)
- 9 workshops (1 hour and 15 minutes each)
- 2 panel presentations (1 hour each)
- 4 poster presentations (15 minutes each)
- 1 lunchtime presentation (30 minutes)

The theme this year being **Fostering Coop Innovation**, we are particularly interested in receiving proposals about alternative agricultural coop models, capitalization, creative governance, youth engagement, health coops, member engagement, coop legislations, coops around the world, coop success stories, housing coops, coop values and the strengthening of democracy, financial coop challenges, etc.

Application process:

Interested candidates or organizations must send the following documents in order for their application to be considered eligible:

- A short summary of your intervention, including a title (250 words or less)*.
- A bio or resume (if this is a panel discussion, please include the biographies or resumes of all participants).
- If applicable, a copy of the research paper or a summary of the project that your intervention is based upon.
- Your contact information (name, street address, institution or organization represented and title, preferred language of the intervention, phone number, email address).
- Any other relevant information.

**Please note that this short summary and title may be included in promotional material for this event (such as pamphlets, social media or the website).*

Applications can be submitted in English, Spanish or French. Please send your application including all the information mentioned above to the following address: info@ace.coop.

The deadline for submissions is May 4, 2018 by 11:59pm (Central time). Proposals received after the deadline might not be considered. An evaluation committee will meet in early May to assess the relevance of each proposal. Selected candidates or organizations will be contacted via phone or email. Please note that no honorarium will be paid, but that presenters will be able to attend a portion of the Institute for free.

For more information, to share comments or to sponsor the event, please contact our Administrator Julien Geremie by email at: info@ace.coop. ACE Website : www.ace.coop