



## Call for proposals

**Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) Institute  
From May 27 to 31, 2019  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

The Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) is interested in receiving proposals for its 2019 Annual Institute, which will be organized in collaboration with the Canadian Association for Studies in Cooperation (CASC) and the International Cooperative Alliance Committee on Cooperative Research. Although this Institute will be organized in collaboration with two other groups, we want to make sure that we include workshops that are relevant to our membership and following.

The theme of this year is: **Cooperative Entrepreneurship: Theories and Best Practices**. The event will take place at the University of Sherbrooke – Longueuil Campus (minutes away from downtown Montreal, Quebec, Canada) from May 27 to 31, 2019.

### **Our organization:**

The Association of Cooperative Educators ([www.ace.coop](http://www.ace.coop)), founded in 1969, is an international non-profit organization that has for its 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 and professional development opportunity for 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:

- Workshops
- Experiential sessions
- Panel presentations
- Keynotes
- Poster presentations

The theme this year being **Cooperative Entrepreneurship: Theories and Best Practices**, we are particularly interested in receiving proposals about cooperative ethics and values in entrepreneurship, co-op management, co-op conversions and succession planning, cooperative differentiated management of people, performance measurement, sustainable development, Millennials and cooperatives, the motivations and leadership of co-op entrepreneurs, co-op friendly policies and public institutions, 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 (350 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](mailto:info@ace.coop).

**The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2018 by 11:59pm (Central time).** Proposals received after the deadline might not be considered. An evaluation committee will meet in January 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 and that accepted individuals or organizations will have to register to the Institute (a discounted rate may be offered).

For more information, to share comments or to sponsor the event, please contact our Administrator Julien Geremie by email at: [info@ace.coop](mailto:info@ace.coop). Our Website : [www.ace.coop](http://www.ace.coop)