CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Reaching Across Borders, Building a Better World

November 6 & 7, 2018

Opening reception evening of November 5

Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Final deadline for submissions: 11:59pm Eastern Time (GMT -04:00) August 17, 2018


To be held on November 5-7, 2018 in Montreal, the conference is very proud to have the support of Canada’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the International Development Research Centre and our founding partner Navitas.

The conference will assemble experts from Canada and around the world to explore the core role that universities and colleges, their faculty and staff have to play in social innovation, cross-country collaboration, global development, and the economic and social well-being of all the world’s citizens.

Postsecondary institutions based in the developing world can play a key role in creating healthier, wealthier, and more just societies. Canadian universities and colleges are important partners in this process, working hand-in-hand with these institutions, as well as governments, schools, and private/public sector institutions to build a better world for all. It is with these efforts in mind that the conference will bring together faculty, government officials, corporations, NGOs, students, and postdoctoral researchers from around the globe to learn from these collaborations in order to generate innovative new solutions.

We welcome for consideration submissions that discuss the broader themes of global development and the role that postsecondary institutions and professionals can play in it.

We also invite submissions that touch more specifically on the following topics:

- Access to quality higher education
- Strengthened institutional governance, management, and teaching
- Social innovation/enterprise development
- Work and economic growth
- Gender equity
- Clean water and sanitation
- Functional cities and other necessities of a civil, prosperous society
The conference will include interactive workshops that will examine new approaches to the creation and maintenance of international partnerships with developing world higher education institutions and facilitate the co-creation of new ways to address challenges facing academic institutions across the globe.

Who should submit?
We are inviting submissions from faculty, professional staff and graduate students who individually or as a group have been involved in global development projects whose stories they are eager to share.

Submission Guidelines

- Please send your submission to conference@awb-usf.org. You will receive acknowledgement within three working days that your abstract has been received.
- The primary language of the conference is English, but we will accept submissions in French.
- Submit both:
  1. 750-word summary of the proposed presentation that describes the substance of the paper you will present, including (as appropriate) background, purpose, methodology, results, and conclusion
  2. 250-word abstract suitable for publication in the conference program
- Formats for papers:
  - Presentations will be grouped in sessions according to thematic affinity. Each presenter will have 15-20 minutes to present in order to leave time for discussion afterwards.
  - Interactive workshops in which a presenter works with the session’s audience will last 60 to 75 minutes.
  - Some papers may be invited for presentation as part of a panel discussion.
  - If you have a preference for one of these formats, please indicate this in your submission. We will do our best to ensure but cannot guarantee that speakers are able to present in their preferred format.
- Special session for AWB University Network members:
  - One conference session will be set aside for presentations by faculty and staff from institutions within the AWB University Network to highlight examples of their most important and successful global development projects.
- The deadline to submit is 11:59 PM Eastern Time (GMT -04:00) on August 17, 2018.
- If your submission is accepted, you will be invited to register for Reaching Across Borders, Building a Better World. All presenters must register for the conference and pay the registration fees by September 21, 2018 to be included in the final program.

Review of Submissions
All submissions will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the organizing committee. Papers will be accepted on a competitive basis and criteria will include the quality of the submission and distinctiveness and relevance of the topic to the themes of the conference.

Submissions will be accepted as individual presentations, interactive workshops or part of a panel discussion depending on the range and character of submissions received.
**Guidelines for Accepted Submissions**

Notification of acceptance decisions will be provided by August 31, 2018. Presenting authors of accepted submissions are expected to attend and register for the conference.

**Registration & Fee Information**

Registration and fee information are at [https://www.awb-usf.org/conference2018/](https://www.awb-usf.org/conference2018/).

**Important Dates**

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