Call for Proposals
2013 AECT International Convention Invitation to Present

The AECT International Convention supports our efforts to improve ourselves by bringing together participants from around the world who offer practical applications, high quality research, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations of innovative approaches and developments in learning, instructional and performance technologies. You are invited to present at the 2013 AECT International Convention in Anaheim, California. Share your expertise and knowledge with your peers, with those new to the field, and with professional practitioners and researchers representing multiple disciplines.

This year’s convention theme is Innovate! Integrate! Communicate! Over the last year there has been a renewed interest among the general public in using technology for training and education. Fueled by high profile projects such as the Stanford AI class, MITx, and the Khan Academy, many organizations have been rushing to implement technology enhanced learning and instructional systems. Not surprisingly, just as has happened several times before when the pendulum of popular opinion has swung toward greater use of technology for learning, more than a few of these organizations are rushing to embrace ill-conceived and poorly researched strategies and techniques that have consistently failed in the past. We know better! The membership of AECT is in a unique position to shape the future of learning and instruction. We are a nexus for research and communication about educational technology.

This year’s conference encourages proposals that take advantage of the strengths of our membership. Innovate! We are a professional society of innovative thinkers. We have the knowledge and skills to determine how to use new technologies (both hard and soft) in new ways. Unlike many of the newcomers to the field, we understand the wheel; we don’t need to re-invent it. Proposals that demonstrate innovative thinking form the first focus of the 2013 conference. Integrate! Our membership enjoys a broad and deep grounding in foundational areas that inform our research and practice. We are able to draw on a wide variety of disciplines related to learning and instruction. From neuroscience to nanotechnology, we have a rare capacity to synthesize ideas from disparate areas of research into practical applications. We also know how to implement our innovations in effective ways in multiple content areas. The second focus of the conference is on proposals that integrate concepts from other disciplines or implement practices in other content areas. Communicate! For us to shape the future we need to make our work known. We have done a great job talking to each other, but have sometimes been lacking in our efforts to talk with those outside our field. The third focus for this year’s confer-

2013 AECT Conference Update

Innovate! Integrate! Communicate!

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Concurrent Sessions: October 29- November 2
Workshop Sessions: Tuesday, October 29
Wednesday, October 30
Saturday, November 2
ence is on proposals that demonstrate the ability to publicize our work in a broad variety of venues and to a large number of people.

Presentations related to the following sub-themes are encouraged:

- Innovative applications of new and emerging technologies
- Educational applications of current research in related disciplines
- Implications of current research in Neuroscience for learning
- Application of learning analytics
- The state of social media as a tool for learning
- Methods for influencing educational policy
- Research Methods for New and Emerging Technologies

**General Information**

**Proposal Deadlines**

**Proposals Open** – December 17, 2012

**Proposals Close** – February 15, 11:59PM (EST), 2013

The review process by divisions and affiliates will be completed within six weeks of the closing date for proposals. Check with division and affiliate leaders with regard to their specific interests and review processes.

**Proposal Process**

For a complete online proposal description, visit the conference website at [http://www.aect.org/events/call](http://www.aect.org/events/call)

To be considered, a complete proposal must be submitted electronically (see Proposal Submission Process, below) to one primary AECT division or affiliated organization for consideration. Guidelines and principles posted at [www.aect.org](http://www.aect.org) will assist in preparing proposals for submission. Presenters are expected to follow the AECT Code of Ethics, available at [http://www.aect.org/About/Ethics.asp](http://www.aect.org/About/Ethics.asp)

Proposals are peer-reviewed in a blind review process. See the Division/Affiliate links on the AECT.ORG website for further information on proposal requirements. You will receive electronic notification that your proposal has been received and, at the appropriate time, whether it has been accepted for the program.

Proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria:

1. Clarity of the proposal and the quality of writing.
2. Quality of proposed session’s content, organization and format.
3. Relevance, timeliness, and general interest level of the topic.
4. Match to the convention’s focus and other demands of the program.
5. Suitability for division/affiliate or organization mission and membership.
6. Length and session type including appropriateness for needs of the convention program.
7. Level of interactivity with audience. Discussion and topic-related activities are encouraged.

In an effort to encourage additional discussion, planners also have been advised to create panel presentations on a given topic. This will facilitate a greater sharing of ideas and discussion. The vast majority of proposals are regular proposals. Such proposals must be submitted electronically (see How to Submit a Proposal Electronically, below) to one primary AECT division or affiliated organization for consideration. That is, proposers must identify a division or affiliate to which to submit and not submit the same proposal (or one that is largely the same) to any other division or affiliate. Each division/affiliate has a Convention Planner. If this Convention Planner and/or the peer review panel for a division feel a proposal is not well suited to their division/affiliate, they may recommend it for consideration by another division/affiliate. This occurs without action by the proposer. In addition, a person may propose no more than two concurrent session presentations on which he or she is key presenter, although that individual may be a co-presenter on other proposals and may have roundtables/poster presentations. The intent of (1) not allowing submission of the same (or a very closely related) proposal to more than one division and (2) limiting the number of presentations on which a person may be key presenter is to assure a diverse program in which many strong presentations are included and little duplication occurs. If you are unsure of the suitability of your proposal to a particular group, we encourage you to contact the Convention Planner for that division or organization.

**How to Submit a Proposal Electronically**

To be considered, a complete proposal must be submitted electronically no earlier than December 17, 2012 and no later than February 15, 2013. A complete online proposal submission consists of:

1. Presentation title
2. A short (fewer than 75 words) description
3. A 750-1000 word anonymous abstract
4. Equipment request
5. List of Presenters Failure to comply to the word limit will result in a proposal rejection.

**Procedure**

1. Go to [www.aect.org/events/call](http://www.aect.org/events/call)
2. Read the guidelines for electronic submissions.
3. Complete and submit the requested information in the online proposal form.

After you submit your proposal, you will receive electronic notification that it has been received. The peer review process begins shortly after the submission deadline.