



**The LIFT Conference: Convening California's Student Service Leaders
November 6-7, 2020 Virtual Conference**

**Submissions due Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 11:59 PM
Submission link: bit.ly/2020lift-submit**

Purpose Statement

The LIFT Conference is designed to bring together student leaders who are connected to their campus office of community engagement and service-learning or are actively engaged in coordinating and advocating for service experiences at institutions of higher education in California. A goal of the event is to convene student leaders who have an affinity for promoting, supporting, and advocating for meaningful service opportunities in college settings. We hope to use the event to nurture a network of support for students in similar leadership roles.

The LIFT Conference is founded on four values that encompass the purpose of the event:

- LEADERSHIP:** This value denotes the roles conference attendees play in their respective campuses and communities.
- INNOVATION:** Establishing a flow of information between student leaders will spark new ideas about how to best develop and expand leadership skills and service programs.
- FELLOWSHIP:** The dictionary definition of fellowship is "friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests." By bringing like-minded student leaders together, we will provide an opportunity to forge new connections and discuss shared experiences regarding the importance of service in higher education.
- TRANSFORMATION:** We value the opportunity that service leadership provides the students to experience personal and professional growth. In doing so, they are better able to impact their respective service programs, campuses, and communities and transform our state into a more equitable, vibrant place for all people.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS INFORMATION

Submission due date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 11:59 pm

Selection process: All submissions will be reviewed by current or recent student leaders. Applicants will be notified by October 13, 2020 whether or not their proposal has been accepted.

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Note about the virtual environment: When preparing your proposal, be advised that the platform we are adopting for LIFT is similar to a webinar, and it will not allow for all session attendees to be on camera and/or on mic. However, the platform does have a chat feature that can be utilized to interact with the audience. Prior to the conference date, presenters will be provided with more details on the platform and instructions on using it.

CONCURRENT SESSION CATEGORIES

Best Practices Workshop - 60 minutes

What are you proud of? What's working well? What are you doing that other leaders can benefit from? The Best Practices Workshop provides presenters with an opportunity to share their experiences and innovations with other student service leaders. Workshops should include:

- An explanation of your project or initiative
- Highlight challenges you faced and how you overcame them
- Identify ways the project or initiative can be replicated or adapted on other campuses

Issue Presentation - 60 minutes

What challenges are you facing related to your role as service leaders in higher education? What are some pressing issues or topics that you feel this audience needs to know more about or grapple with? The Issue Presentations provide presenters with opportunities to crowdsource solutions and make connections with others who face similar dilemmas. Issue Presentations should include:

- An introduction to the topic, providing context for session attendees
- Identifying connections between the issue topic and the role of student service leaders
- Open discussion and reflection on a topic that is relevant to student service leaders
- A brief collection of findings or outcomes from the discussion that can be shared with all event attendees

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Session Presenters (Maximum of 8):** Provide name, title, organization and email for all presenters. Select the lead presenter who should receive all communication regarding the proposal.
2. **Presenter Institution/Affiliation:** Identify the college or university you are affiliated with and briefly describe the role of student leaders in your campus office of community engagement and service-learning.
3. **Presenter Bios:** Provide short (30 words or less) bios for each presenter.
4. **Presentation Category:** Select a presentation category.
5. **Session title:** Provide a title for your presentation
6. **Session Abstract:** Summary of your session that will inform event attendees about your session topic and goals and encourage them to attend. (Not to exceed 50 words.)
7. **Session Description:** Describe your proposed session, including any necessary background information, goals/objectives of the session, and potential impact it might have on attendees. (Not to exceed 250 words.)
8. **Value Alignment:** Select the conference values that apply to your session: Leadership, Innovation, Fellowship, and/or Transformation. Provide a short explanation outlining how your session connects to your selected values.