



Knowledge Community for International Student and Scholar Services 2019 Call for Proposals

The Knowledge Community (KC) for International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) invites you to submit a session, poster, or workshop proposal for the 2019 NAFSA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

KCISSS provides professional development opportunities for international student and scholar advisers and for those who work or volunteer in campus- and community-based international programming.

Proposal submission deadlines:

- Sessions and workshops: **August 29, 2018**
- Posters: **January 9, 2019**

For detailed information:

- Visit www.nafsa.org/proposals

Annual Conference Theme: *Global Leadership, Learning, and Change*

The 2019 theme encourages reflection on the current state of the field and on how to work through the changes and challenges faced by our profession: how to effectively deal with uncertainty and ambiguity in critical areas such as immigration, health, and safety and consider the differences in perceptions of how countries welcome others.

NAFSA welcomes proposals that highlight:

- Leading and managing international education in times of change and unpredictability such as change in student demographics, government agency policy, and employment-based visas
- Security and safety of students, faculty, and staff
- Access, diversity, and inclusion in international and higher education
- Assessing technological shifts in international education, such as virtual exchange
- Innovations in digital communications, digital marketing, and digital recruitment
- Comparative perspectives across national boundaries
- Navigating legalities, risk and ethical challenges around global operations in international education
- Integrating and supporting student global learning at various touch points on and off campus including curriculum development, co-curricular activities, campus events, working with faculty, etc.

Specific Content Focus Areas for International Student and Scholar Services

Regulatory Complexities:

Guidance and information on government regulations in the United States and abroad that impact international education, employment, and exchange.

- Demystifying regulatory grey areas pertaining to entrepreneurship, employment, internships, and training
- Understanding U.S. laws, regulations, executive orders, and agency policies and practices and how they impact international students and scholars and their host institutions
- Understanding and preparing for on-campus agency visits, out-of-cycle and on-site reviews

Global Issues and Trends:

Global trends and international developments that have an impact on international education, including developments in such areas as national interests, politics, economics, security, higher educational policy, society, the environment, or workforce development.

- Developing strategies to support students and scholars when financing of education is impacted by crisis
- Developing practices that prepare international students and scholars for returning to their home countries or other regions of the world, including preparing for a global job search
- International travel and visa applications in the age of heightened security

Advising in International Education:

Information, tools, and training that showcase good practice, developments in the field, research, knowledge, and the use of emerging technologies.

- Integrative and collaborative service models to support international student and scholar wellness and welfare that focus on taking care of the whole person, including physical and mental wellbeing
- Model practices to enhance international student orientation as an on-going, year-long practice
- Exploring developmental advising strategies that help international students achieve personal and academic success and increase international student retention
- Creative ways to highlight research and teaching activities of international scholars on our campuses and in our communities

Professional and Leadership Development:

Development of skills and strategies that will help international educators achieve career goals, reach leadership potential, and find balance between personal and professional life.

- Grant writing and budget development for ISSS professionals
- Collaborating with faculty to conduct research on the international student or scholar experience
- Creative strategies and practices to reinvigorate ISSS offices and clarify focus when faced with big questions and challenges (i.e. Design Thinking)

Diversity and Inclusion:

Research and applied practice on social justice, equity, civil society, and/or ethical practice related to diversity and inclusion and the work of international educators.

- Model practices regarding on-campus collaboration and initiatives for diversity and inclusion
- Model practices to integrate international students and scholars and host communities and create welcoming communities
- Developing advocacy strategies that provide training and outreach opportunities for international students and scholars, campus and community members

Management and Strategy:

Models, policies, and practices for management of an office or program in international education, or principles, methods, and leadership strategies for strategic planning and policymaking in order to achieve the goals and missions.

- Leadership and management development for mid-level international student and scholar advisors
- Implementing communications and marketing strategies that help ISSS offices connect with the campus and community
- Dealing with government agency visits and inquiries without violating FERPA