

International Student and Scholar Services Knowledge Community 2022 Call for Proposals

The Knowledge Community (KC) for International Student and Scholar Services invites you to submit a session, poster, or workshop proposal for the NAFSA 2022 Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, Colorado. 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.

Annual Conference Theme: Building Our Sustainable Future

The NAFSA 2022 conference will be an opportunity for the international education community to move forward on a new journey together. We will discuss the recovery and progress of the international education field, share new ideas, and explore innovative ways of building our sustainable future. We will celebrate our diversity and resilience and collaborate on charting new paths towards a more equitable, sustainable, and inclusive tomorrow. We will ground our discussions in possibility and creativity, and look for opportunities to educate each other, innovate with each other, and advocate for each other.

NAFSA welcomes proposals that highlight:

- The role of international education in building social, economic, and environmental justice, and especially in promoting access, equity, diversity and inclusion;
- Fostering economic and programmatic sustainability in international education strategies and offerings;
- Model practices for virtual, in-person and hybrid program design and delivery;
- International education leadership steering the recovery and rebuilding of the field;
- The role of international education in combatting climate change and fostering environmental sustainability;
- International education as a research field;
- Creative design and technologies in international education programs and services;
- Global, local, and campus-based advocacy for community engagement, shared responsibility and dialogue;
- Navigating legalities, risk, and ethical challenges around global programs and operations during and postpandemic;
- Measuring outcomes, assessing impact, and using data to advocate, educate and innovate for the future;
- Support strategies for mental health, self-care and resiliency;
- Career development and employability strategies to support the field at large, including students, scholars, faculty, and staff;
- The importance of personal and programmatic mentoring;
- Successful strategies for alumni engagement and cross-campus and cross-industry collaboration;
- Comprehensive internationalization efforts, especially at underrepresented institutions.

Proposal submission deadlines:

- Sessions and workshops: **August 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT)**
- Posters: **December 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT)**

For detailed information, visit www.nafsa.org/proposals.

In particular, the ISSS KC encourages proposals on the following topics:

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Research and applied practice on social justice, equity, civil society, and ethical practices related to diversity, inclusion, and the work of international educators, including US and non-US contexts.
 - Infusing racial equity and social justice education in ISSS training and work
 - Partnering with city/county/interfaith, and on-campus diversity, equity and inclusion offices to advance social justice and racial equity
 - Deconstructing whiteness in international education
 - Empowering international students and scholars through educational offerings on prejudice, bias, microaggressions, bystander intervention and other response strategies and considerations
- **Global Issues and Trends:** Global trends that have an impact on international education, including issues in such areas as national interests, politics, economics, security, higher educational policy, society, the environment, and workforce development.
 - Cultivating international student and scholar leadership and engagement in UN Sustainability goals
 - Supporting international students and scholars during a home-country crisis
 - Elevating the important role of the ISSS office and international student and scholars in achieving comprehensive internationalization and global learning outcomes
 - Integrating peacebuilding and conflict resolution learning in international student and scholar educational programs
- **Student Preparation and Career Development:**
 - Designing collaborative programs to connect U.S. and international students in support of language acquisition, development of intercultural competencies, and skills to ensure career readiness in the global workplace
 - Collaborating with career offices, employers, and alumni to support international student success in the U.S. and global career search
 - Enhancing access to practical training opportunities through CPT policy review and intentional alignment with institutional curriculum
- **Management and Strategy:** Management models, policies, and practices in an office or program in international education; principles, methods, and leadership strategies for strategic planning and policymaking to achieve the goals and mission of international education within an institution or organization.
 - Mitigating risks of foreign influence through institutional policy development and training programs
 - Securing funding and resources for the international student and scholar office
 - Designing efficient systems to streamline interdependent processes and maximize high-quality outcomes in the ISSS office
 - Bolstering employee morale and retention in the ISSS office
- **Advising and Enrollment in International Education:** Information, tools, and training that showcase accessible and equitable advising practices, research, knowledge, and the use of emerging technologies as they apply to advising and student development in all areas of international education.
 - Utilizing communication technology to enhance accessibility, learning outcomes, advising efficiency and effectiveness
 - Mitigating risks in non-immigrant student and scholar advising
 - Implementing novel advising strategies to address special topic areas including advising students and scholars in distress, supporting dependent visa holders' success, peer advising, holistic well-being, etc.

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