



International Student and Scholar Services Knowledge Community 2023 Call for Proposals

The International Student and Scholar Services Knowledge Community (ISSS KC) invites you to submit a session, poster, or workshop proposal for the NAFSA 2023 Annual Conference & Expo in Washington, DC.

Proposal Deadlines:

- Sessions and workshops: **August 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT)**
- Posters: **December 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. (EST)**

For additional information, visit nafsa.org/proposals.

NAFSA 2023 Conference Theme: “NAFSA at 75: Inspiring an Inclusive Future”

Coinciding with NAFSA’s 75th anniversary, NAFSA 2023 will bring together the global community to reflect, celebrate, inspire, and create. We will honor our legacy and progress, renew our community’s mission, and commit to diversifying the voices that shape the future the international education field. Our goals for NAFSA 2023:

- Meet challenges by sharing lessons learned, diverse perspectives, and innovative approaches.
- Explore trends in professional development and career advancement, and advocate for the well-being of all.
- Benefit from global thought leadership and multigenerational perspectives.
- Underscore the global imperative for social justice and access, and the importance of inclusive internationalization for long-term impact on our campus, and local and global communities.

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 U.S. and non-U.S. contexts.

- Incorporating Diversity, Belonging, Inclusion, and Equity (DBIE) practices in ISSS offices.
- Creating space for international students to be supported and seen.
- Identifying and 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.

- Utilizing trauma-informed practices in supporting international students and scholars during a home-country crisis.
- Highlighting the key 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.

Professional development

- Utilizing 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.
- Incorporating inclusive and collaborative leadership skills in professional development.

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.

- Developing support for students with non-traditional visas and documentation or undocumented status.
- Including technology in new student and scholar onboarding practices to enhance support for new arrivals.
- Utilizing technology to enhance international student and scholar engagement and programming.

Management and Strategy

- Bolstering employee retention and staff satisfaction in ISSS offices.
- Developing best practices for providing and receiving feedback in ISSS offices.
- Researching and developing creative institutional collaborations for resource sharing to support ISSS work.