



## International Student and Scholar Services Knowledge Community 2020 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 2020 NAFSA Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

KC ISSS 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: *Innovate, Influence, Impact***

Highlighting the role that the international education field plays in creating welcoming communities, advocating for social justice issues, fostering a dialogue and exchange of ideas, and influencing decisionmakers to support the field, the 2020 Annual Conference offers opportunities to explore best practices and new ideas. International educators, as both practitioners and leaders, are encouraged to use the theme to share how they respond to challenges and opportunities in innovative ways; how they make an impact through the work they do; and how they influence and inspire, not only their peers but also future generations.

In particular, KC ISSS encourages proposals on the following Content Focus Areas:

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

- Understanding U.S. laws, regulations, executive orders, and agency policies and practices and how they impact international students and scholars and their host institutions
- Collaborating with attorneys to support international students and scholars
- Model practices for informing students and scholars about regulatory updates and the ways in which they may be impacted

**Advising and Enrollment in International Education:** Information, tools, and training that showcase good practice, developments in the field, research, knowledge, and the use of emerging technologies, as it applies to advising and enrollment in all areas of international education.

- Collaborative approaches to advising students including use of technology to support student success
- Model practices for advising international scholars on academic culture, norms and professional relationships
- Creative uses of technology in international student and scholar orientation

**Advocacy:** Strategies and tactics for advocating the value of international education on campus, locally and nationally within the United States and abroad.

- Innovative examples of community and campus initiatives to support student and scholar engagement in local communities
- Research on the impact of international students and scholars on local communities
- Developing a campaign to advocate for international education at non-campus-based institutions

**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.

- Innovative ways of helping students and scholars understand and navigate equity policies on campus



- Creative approaches to community service with an emphasis on social justice
- Development of diversity and equity practices and policies that are inclusive of international students and scholars

**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.

- Model responses to the influences of science and technology on international education
- Navigating risk management in international student and scholar services
- Social justice programming related to race relations and power structures

**Student Preparation and Career Development:** Career readiness of both international and domestic education abroad students; skill and language acquisition; development of intercultural competencies; transition to workforce; employer expectations.

- Research and theory related to international student and scholar career development
- Innovative practices for supporting students' and scholars' career search in their home countries
- Model programs engaging with prospective employers of international students and scholars

**NAFSA welcomes proposals that highlight:**

- Access, diversity, and inclusion in international and higher education.
- International educators as influencers making an impact on their campuses and throughout their communities.
- Ideas, trends, and innovative approaches to scale for global and local impact.
- Creative and strategic responses to changing demographic, technological, and economic trends in international education.
- International education as a research field and foundation for intellectual innovations.
- Assessment as a tool to measure impact and using data to influence change.
- Navigating legalities, risk, and ethical challenges around global operations.

**Proposal submission deadlines:**

- Sessions and workshops: **August 21, 2019**
- Posters: **December 11, 2019**

For detailed information, visit [www.nafsa.org/proposals](http://www.nafsa.org/proposals)