

I. General Information

The 9th annual UCEA Graduate Student Summit (GSS) will be held at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino. The GSS is an extension of the UCEA Convention and will commence at **12:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 and conclude at 11:30 am on Thursday, November 19, 2020.**

A key purpose of the GSS is to create a safe, constructive space for graduate students to receive feedback from faculty mentors and fellow graduate students on how to strengthen their work. This GSS also offers opportunities to meet and network with graduate students and faculty. It will include:

Presentation sessions, in which you will share your research and receive constructive feedback (detailed below).

Mentor feedback sessions for paper, Ignite!, and roundtable presenters, in which you will get direct feedback from distinguished faculty on a work that you would like to publish, a proposal, or your dissertation research plan.

Networking sessions, where you will have the chance to network with faculty and students from other UCEA institutions interested in similar research topics and talk with UCEA Executive Committee members and Plenum Session Representatives.

Social gatherings for graduate students, where you will have the chance to make connections with others sharing similar life experiences in graduate schools across the globe.

Developmental workshops for graduate students, where you will hear from emerging and established scholars on such topics as creating a research agenda, crafting a CV, applying for jobs, the publishing process, and grappling with and making it through graduate school.

II. Theme

In keeping with the UCEA Convention, GSS participants should demonstrate how their proposals for the GSS address the UCEA Convention theme, "*Re/Building Home: Coloniality, Belonging, and Educational Leadership.*" Please refer to the **2020 UCEA Convention Call for Proposals** for a full discussion of the 2020 Convention theme.

III. Graduate Student Summit Proposal Submission Categories

There are three session categories, each of which provides a tiered outlet for ideas and works in various stages of completion. **Please note that most of the works graduate students present at the GSS are works-in-progress.**

- A. **Paper proposals** are intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice in an abbreviated form. If you will have a manuscript-length paper completed by the end of October, you should submit a paper proposal. You should submit for a SINGLE paper presentation only—not an entire paper session.
- B. **Ignite! presentation proposals** spark interest and awareness of multiple, yet similar topics while encouraging additional thought and action on the part of presenters and audience members. If you have an idea that is in-progress, a useful strategy to share, or poignant idea/question to propose, you should submit a proposal for an Ignite! presentation. You should submit for a SINGLE 5-minute Ignite! presentation only—not an entire Ignite! session. Presentations are no more than 5 minutes long. View a 2-minute video on Ignite Presentations: <https://bit.ly/2RVkQ63>
- C. **Roundtable proposals** are intended for discussing early works-in-progress where you may have an outline developed but have not started writing the formal elements of a paper or research development. If you have

an idea about a potential research project or have an outline developed and would like feedback on how to proceed, you should submit a proposal for a roundtable presentation.

Sample proposals for each will be posted to the UCEA graduate student development webpage at <http://gradstudents.ucea.org> by early March. Please refer to those exemplars as you craft your own proposal.

Details and further descriptions of the sessions can also be found on the website.

IV. Criteria for Review of Proposals

To participate in the GSS as a presenter, you must submit a proposal, and that proposal must be accepted. All proposals will be subject to blind, peer review by the UCEA Graduate Student Council and at least two outside reviewers. Priority will be given to single-author papers or papers coauthored by graduate students. The lead author of each proposal also agrees to serve as a reviewer for other GSS proposals. An author's failure to live up to either of these commitments may lead to the proposal being removed from the GSS. **The text of the proposal must not include author names; for many reviewers, this is grounds for proposal rejection.** Details and further descriptions of the criteria can also be found on the website.

V. Submission and Participation Guidelines and Proposal Deadlines

Graduate students engaged in research, policy, or practice in educational or youth-serving agencies may submit proposals for consideration.

Proposals must be submitted by Friday June 12, 2020 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time. All proposals must be submitted electronically at the link to be provided at the UCEA homepage (<http://www.ucea.org>). **The site will open March 25, 2020.** Please follow the prompts for submitting to the 2020 GSS.

You may submit more than one proposal to the GSS, and you may submit the same proposal to both the GSS and the UCEA Convention. Please note that these submissions are separate. If you submit a proposal to the GSS and also wish to submit it to the UCEA Convention, you must go through all the same steps in the AllAcademic system for the UCEA Convention. If you plan to use the same title for both proposals, please append your GSS submission title to include "(GSS)" at the end (minus quotes).

Submission length **must not exceed three (3) single-spaced pages** (approximately 1,500 words or 6,000 characters; excluding references and tables/figures) **using 12-point font** (Times New Roman). References are required and **must not exceed one (1) single-spaced page** (approximately 400 words or 2,200 characters). **The text of the proposal must not include any author names.**

The lead author of the proposal is required to upload an advance copy of the work into the AllAcademic system through the UCEA Convention site 3 weeks prior to the GSS (October 28, 2020). This is required for your faculty mentor to review your work to offer feedback. By submitting a proposal, the author of the proposal also agrees to serve as a reviewer for GSS proposals. An author's failure to live up to either of these commitments (uploading an advance copy and/or failing to serve as a reviewer) may lead to the proposal being removed from consideration and/or the GSS program.

Please carefully review your proposal before submitting it. The AllAcademic system directly copies the information provided in the proposal for the program, so check your title, author names, and affiliations.

VI. Graduate Student Summit Registration

Registration for the 2020 UCEA GSS will be available online through the UCEA registration site in June 2020. **The cost of registering for the UCEA Convention is a separate fee, and registration for both the UCEA Convention and the GSS is required for presenting during the GSS.**

If you have questions at any time, please feel free to email the UCEA Graduate Student Council at uceagradconnex@gmail.com