

## 2018 Call for Proposals: Learning Outcomes and Experiential Learning Symposium

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**October 11 – 12, 2018**

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, ON

### **Description**

The Program Planning Committee is pleased to invite proposals from session presenters for the October 11 – 12 Learning Outcomes and Experiential Learning Symposium, to be held in Toronto, Ontario. This year's symposium will include a focus on learning outcomes, learning outcomes assessment, experiential learning, and their intersections. This will be an opportunity for college and university faculty, deans, senior administrators, and staff of teaching and learning centres to share their expertise and experiences.

**The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, July 9, 2018.**

### **Session formats:**

The Planning Committee is seeking innovative proposals for sessions to be delivered in one of the following formats:

- 60 minute interactive session
- 20 minute roundtable discussion
- 30 minute presentation
- Poster session about innovative experiential learning projects

In particular, the Committee is keen to receive proposals that identify successful and innovative practices and/or pilot projects and incorporate diverse perspectives (e.g. perspectives of colleges and universities, various students/under-represented student groups and various levels of academic study, including graduate). Proposals may focus on sector-, institutional- or program-level initiatives.

Proposals should relate to one (or more) of the following themes:

- Defining or framing learning outcomes
- Assessing and measuring learning outcomes
- Recognizing or reporting on learning outcomes
- Developing innovative experiential learning opportunities
- Thinking about learning outcomes in the context of experiential learning

Within these themes, proposals may focus on:

- The integration of Indigenous knowledge into learning outcomes assessment and/or experiential learning opportunities
- Experiential learning partnerships involving colleges, universities, employers and/or community partners
- Showcasing government-funded projects on experiential learning and/or learning outcomes assessment
- Systems to recognize the achievement of learning outcomes (including open badging and co-curricular records)
- Initiatives to support student understanding and articulation of their own learning outcomes, skills and competencies
- Implications of learning outcomes assessment for quality assurance and program-level continuous improvement
- Tools to measure specific skills (including transferable skills, such as critical thinking)
- Experiential learning management platforms
- Open resources that support experiential learning
- Equity of access in experiential learning (including socioeconomic and geographic access, and access of underrepresented groups)

### **Submission Guidelines for Proposed Sessions**

Please adhere to the following guidelines while writing your proposal, using the attached form:

- Identify speaker(s), affiliations, email addresses, and proposed session title
- Offer a brief description of the proposed session (no more than 200 words)
- Indicate the type of session you are proposing
- Indicate the focus of the session with regards to experiential learning and learning outcomes

### **Proposal Submission Procedure**

The completed proposal form must be submitted electronically to the COU Secretariat by July 9, 2018. Please send proposals directly to Sarah Amatruda at: [samatruda@cou.on.ca](mailto:samatruda@cou.on.ca).

Contributors will be notified if their proposal has been accepted on or before August 10, 2018.

Please note that presentations for accepted proposals will be required by October 8, 2018.

**Contact Us with Questions**  
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**Learning Outcomes and Experiential Learning Symposium  
Proposal Submission Form**

Primary Contact Name:

Primary Contact email:

Name(s) of Co-presenters:

Co-presenter email(s):

Affiliation(s):

Department(s):

Proposed session title:

Please offer a brief description of your proposed session (no more than 200 words):

**Type of Session:**

60 minute interactive session

20 minute roundtable discussion

30 minute presentation

Poster session about innovative experiential learning projects

**Level of Initiative:**

Sector

Institutional

Program

**Please indicate the focus of your session:**

Learning Outcomes

Experiential Learning

Both

**Which of the following themes will your proposed session address? (Select all that apply)**

Defining or framing learning outcomes

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**Availability:**

October 11 only

October 12 only

Both days

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