

# 2015 ACE Institute Request for Proposals

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The ACE Institute planning committee is seeking presentation proposals for the 2015 ACE Institute, to be held July 12-15 at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts, USA. Details for the categories and submission criteria are outlined below. **Proposals are due by Friday, February 6, 2015.** Selection will be made and applicants notified by March 6, 2015.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Pike at [pike@ace.coop](mailto:pike@ace.coop) or 763.432.2032.

## **2015 ACE Institute Introduction**

The ACE Institute is an annual conference held by the Association of Cooperative Educators, a North American wide organization of cooperative researchers, educators, practitioners and developers with members predominately from the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. The three-day event highlights innovations in cooperative education and development through lectures, workshops, roundtable discussions, and mobile learning sessions. You can view the 2014 Institute agenda [here](#).

**“Peer-to-Peer cooperative education: Inspiring Change”** is the theme for the 2015 Institute. Participants will examine what is inherent in cooperatives and how cooperative education and innovative peer-to-peer networks cultivate, maintain, and strengthen cooperatives and the community and economy around them.

Cooperatives and the people within them operate differently than traditional investment owned organization. Inherent in cooperatives is a dedication to the people co-ops serve, a value of self-help and self-responsibility, and an appreciation and exercise of deep democracy that acknowledges through practice the importance of every member’s input. What are the best examples of educating about and for this inherent nature?

Institute presentations will examine: How do co-ops cultivate this nature in their culture? Where and how do you educate about it? What have we learned from research about the impact and implementation of cooperatives? What are the impacts on the community and economy?

## **Presentations Guidelines**

Presentations about research, educational resources and/or applications within cooperatives on the following six themes are welcomed. The examples within the themes are suggestions; you are not limited to the examples below. Please contact Sarah Pike with any questions regarding your presentation idea.

1. University and/or Research
  - New university curriculum and programs
  - Research on co-op cultures
  - How co-op development differs among different cultures and income levels.
2. “How to” educational workshops
  - Tactics for effective adult education
  - Models, methods, and tools for educations
3. Educating for stronger cooperatives.

- Professional Development – training the next generation of cooperative leaders
  - Roundtable discussion on how co-ops solve issues, (ex: member engagement, recruiting board members.)
  - Leadership development programs
  - Integrating co-op education into your cooperatives
  - Strengthening your culture through co-ops
  - Succession planning
4. Peer-to-Peer learning
    - Creating networks for peer learning
    - How peer networks contribute to a cooperative economy
  5. Cultural and social influence on co-op education
    - Integrating ethnicity and race into co-op curriculum
    - Same concept different words – teaching co-op education across borders
    - Empowering populations with the cooperative model
    - Incorporating social justice curriculum into cooperative education
  6. Educating for a cooperative economy
    - Educating policy makers
    - Effective policy for cooperative development
    - Community and cooperative development partnerships
    - Communicating the cooperative difference
    - Innovative school based curriculum

Presentations for the following three *types* of proposals are welcomed:

1. *Lecture or Panel Proposals* - Single presenter or a group of 2-3 self-selected presenters who have a common theme in their presentations. Each presenter, whether a single presenter or as a panel, will have approximately 20 minutes. There will be additional time for Q and A.

Lecture/Panel proposals should include:

- The title of the presentation or panel
  - A 200 word description of each panelist presentation
  - The names, affiliations and contact information for all participants
  - Language you will be presenting (English, French or Spanish)
2. *Workshops* - Workshops are meant to be an interactive learning experiences and should involve audience participation. Workshop presentations will have 60 minutes.

Proposals should include:

- The title of the workshop
- A 200 word description of the learning objectives and workshop style
- The name(s), affiliations and contact information for all workshop presenters
- Language you will be presenting (English, French or Spanish)

3. *Roundtables* - Roundtables are moderated small group discussions. Roundtable discussions will be allotted 60 minutes.

Proposals should include:

- The title of the Roundtable
- A 200 word description of the issue or topic to be discussed
- The name, affiliations and contact information for all presenters.
- Language you will be presenting in (English, French or Spanish)

### **365-day engagement**

The ACE Institute offers an inspiring, educational opportunity for co-op researchers, educators, developers and practitioners. To keep the learning and momentum that happens at the Institute flowing all year long, we will be building off the content and ideas presented at the Institute with continuing educational and engagement opportunities such as webinars, the release of research, and continued discussions. Institute participants as well as the entire co-operative education community will continue their learning and growth throughout the year.

If you have an idea for a follow-up educational or engagement opportunity, you can describe it on the submission form.

### **Link to presentation proposal submission form:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1URG-JDp\\_MBy\\_8\\_eVVWQPHz-1z67-H3QU51375FQqwa0/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1URG-JDp_MBy_8_eVVWQPHz-1z67-H3QU51375FQqwa0/viewform?usp=send_form)