2019 Call for Proposals

November 1-2, 2019  
Grand Valley State University  
Eberhard Center

Deadline: June 30, extended: July 12, 11:59 PM, EDST

Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages invites professionals involved with English learners to submit proposals for our annual conference. The theme of this year's conference is *Collaboration for Success*. Our theme focuses on the collaborative efforts TESOL professionals can make with other experts for our ESL students.

MITESOL's mission is to provide leadership and support for professionals involved in teaching English to speakers of other languages by:

- Fostering improvement of programs for the education of pre- and in-service teachers of ESL
- Providing opportunities and resources for the professional development of educators of ESL
- Collaborating with educational institutions and professional associations to identify and resolve issues in ESL instruction
- Encouraging development, participation, and leadership in the field
- Advocating for quality standards in instructional programs of ESL

Join the MITESOL community and experience what makes this organization unique! The conference will include dozens of learning opportunities, including opening and closing keynote speakers, invited guest speakers, and concurrent sessions. We encourage you to get involved and become an active participant, share your knowledge, and join the conversation.
We invite proposals related to all aspects of ESL/ELL/EAL in diverse contexts, including recent research, teaching, learning, standards-based instruction, assessment, language policy & advocacy, CALL, program administration, and professional development.

Session Types

Proposals will be accepted for the following four formats:

- **Standard Session** (45 minutes) Presentations of all types and foci, including:
  - Papers (summary of research, pedagogy, sociopolitical concerns, etc.)
  - Teaching Demonstrations (that *show & explain* instructional technique/s)
  - Panel Discussions (structured, facilitated discussions of current topics)
  - SIG meetings

- **Computer Lab Session** (45 minutes) Sessions where all attendees require access to a computer.

- **Workshop** (90 minutes) Structured, focused session that actively engages participants in hands-on professional development.

- **Panel Discussion** (90 minutes) Structured discussions on particular topics including panels of 3-5 experts, a facilitator, and the audience. The facilitator may ask each panel member to be prepared to speak about his or her experiences with the topic, followed by questions from the facilitator and then questions from the audience. Panel Discussions are designed to be a great exchange of information on a particular emerging topic or debatable issue in the profession.

- **Poster or Trifold Session** Posters will be on display on both Friday and Saturday with a designated time for interaction with attendees. Relevant posters formerly presented at other conferences may be submitted.

Proposal Requirements:

- **Title:** Maximum length 100 characters; approximately 12 words
- **Proposal:** Maximum length 2,000 characters; approximately 300 words
- **Abstract:** Maximum length 450 characters; approximately 50 words

Proposals must be submitted via MITESOL’s 2019 Online Conference Proposal Form. You can access this form through the conference website: http://mitesol.org/2019-CFP
Factors Disqualifying a Proposal:

- MITESOL does not receive it by the deadline, **July 12, 11:59 EDST**
- The proposal is not received electronically via the Google proposal form
- The proposal is incomplete or not completed according to the guidelines in this call for participation
- The session title, proposal, or abstract includes the name/s or institution/s of organizers or presenters
- The presentation promotes commercial interests

**The deadline for submissions is July 12.**

If you have questions, please contact us, including MITESOL 2019 in the subject line.

**Contact Information:**
Proposal and General Conference Questions: conference@mitesol.org

We look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids!

Colleen Brice, Conference Co-Chair/MITESOL Historian
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