Submit a Proposal

Submissions are due Friday, February 3, 2023

We encourage teams - faculty, staff, and students at colleges and universities - to submit proposals, and we will prioritize those proposals; proposals that include outside partners will be referred to our sponsorship prospectus. Individual submissions from students, staff, and faculty are also encouraged.

We are interested in proposals that explore the following guiding questions:

1. How can we integrate equity, justice, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility into civic and community engagement work in practical, scalable, and creative ways?
2. What practices can higher education institutions instill in order to create more experiential civic learning opportunities? How do we hold institutions accountable for advancing anti-racist practices?
3. How can we balance voter registration, education, and turnout efforts with broader civic and community outreach and engagement?
4. Do campuses have institution-wide political and civic learning objectives? What are the student-level practices and outcomes and how are they assessed?
5. What are effective civic learning and engagement pedagogical and programmatic strategies, relevant to both the historical perspective and the current climate?
6. How are communities in which campuses are situated integrated into the work of strengthening democracy through political & civic learning initiatives as meaningful partners in the work?

Submission Guidelines

For the CLDE23 conference, individuals can choose from the following session types:

- Concurrent Sessions (50 minutes)
- Poster Presentation

In addition to the session type, proposals need to include the following:

- Session Title (10-12 words)
- Program Abstract (80 words)
- Program Outline/Description
- Presenter Bios & Contact Information

The American Democracy Project (ADP) at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and NASPA are excited to announce the call for proposals is now open for the 2023 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE23) meeting which will take place in Boston, Massachusetts from May 31–June 2, 2023.

CLDE is the only conference that brings together higher education professionals from both student affairs and academic affairs each year in order to advance the civic learning and democratic movement in higher education. Together, students, faculty, student affairs professionals, senior campus administrators, and community partners, come together to ensure that students who graduate from colleges and universities, both public and private, are prepared to be the informed, engaged citizens our communities and democracy need. NASPA and AASCU have adopted the CLDE Theory of Change in order to create effective strategies and models that strengthen civic learning and democratic engagement.
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