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OCTOBER 25-28, 2020

SAN ANTONIO, TX



# Aurora Institute Symposium 2020

**A Primer on Submitting Your Proposal to Present**

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# Housekeeping

- Please introduce yourself in the chat box.
- Ask us questions. We'll address questions at the end during Q&A.
- This webinar will be recorded and archived. You'll be able to refer back to this full recording and download slides. We'll send you a link with this information.
- Aurora Institute Symposium website:

<http://www.aurora-institute.org/symposium2020/>

# Aurora Institute Symposium 2020

October 25-28, 2020 | San Antonio, TX

Theme: “A New Dawn for Every Learner”

## **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

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We are planning and currently have every expectation the Aurora Institute Symposium will proceed as expected Oct. 25-28, 2020, in San Antonio. We are in close contact with the Henry B. González Convention Center and monitoring guidance from public health authorities. See <https://aurora-institute.org/continuity-of-learning-resources/>

# 2020 RFP Timeline

**MARCH 23 – MAY 1**  
**RFP Is Open**

**MAY 1**  
**11:59 pm ET:**  
**Deadline to**  
**submit a**  
**proposal.**

**Mid-June**  
**Aurora**  
**Institute sends**  
**acceptance,**  
**waitlist and**  
**declined**  
**notifications.**

**JUNE 30 – JULY 20**  
**Accepted**  
**speakers can**  
**update**  
**session**  
**proposals**  
**directly within**  
**system.**

**AUGUST 3**  
**Deadline to**  
**send final**  
**changes to**  
**Aurora**  
**Institute. No**  
**changes will**  
**be accepted**  
**after this date.**

# Session Strands

The majority of Symposium sessions fall into one or more major category or “strand,” representing topics that are critical to the field of personalized, competency-based education and related policy and research. Each strand is a carefully curated selection of focused sessions and workshops. Attendees can follow one strand for an in-depth, wide-ranging view of the topic or select multiple sessions and workshops from multiple strands to meet their learning objectives.

1. Designing New Learning Models / Redesign
2. Modernizing Professional Learning
3. Advancing Policy & Advocacy
4. Building an Evidence Base: Research & Evaluation
5. Shifting to Competency-Based Education
6. Advancing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
7. Ensuring Continuity of Learning
8. Other



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# Session Formats

- You will choose one presentation format that is most appropriate for your session. The Symposium Program Committee seeks proposals that foster engaging and interactive learning opportunities for our attendees.
- It is highly desirable that sessions incorporate the personalized, competency-based approaches that we seek for students. Across the various presentation formats and strands, we also encourage presentation proposals that target specific nuances of implementation that dig below the surface and unpack big ideas rather than those that are very general in nature.



## Design Workshop

In Design Workshops, participants will leave the session with a plan for implementing new learning models in their classroom, school, district, state, or country. The goal of these 2 hour and 15-minute workshops are to assist participants in implementing competency-based, personalized learning models for students. Design Workshops are typically set in table rounds and placed in smaller rooms to allow for maximum interactivity.

## Hands-On Workshop

The Hands-On Workshop is a 2 hour and 15-minute interactive enrichment session that allows for a longer in-depth investigation of a particular topic, tool, or practice, and provides hands-on training. Preview materials are encouraged and can be made available prior to the Symposium via the mobile application.



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## Knowledge Sharing

One-hour knowledge sharing sessions are meant for deep discussion among participants. The discussion leader will spend no more than five minutes introducing the topic(s) and format to kick off the session. This sets the stage for participants to interact and discuss general topics related to specific roles or topics in K-12 next-generation learning.

## Seminar

A Seminar is an interactive, one-hour conversation with attendees using a variety of formats to share trends, research, policy, and other information of interest to the field. Session leaders are encouraged to provide preview material on their topic in advance of the Symposium via the dedicated mobile application.



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## Debate or Panel

In these one-hour sessions, discussants will engage in a lively debate around the selected topic.

## Interactive Discussion

Interactive Discussions feature three to four expert presenters engaged in a moderated discussion with dynamic audience participation. The session leaders are encouraged to prepare questions for audience members to reflect on before the session. Interactive Discussions last one hour and are typically placed in larger rooms set in table rounds and allow for audience participation.



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# Aurora Institute Mission, Vision, & Values

## Our Mission

The mission of iNACOL is to drive the transformation of education systems and accelerate the advancement of breakthrough policies and practices to ensure high-quality learning for all.

## Our Vision

We envision a world where all people are empowered to attain the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to achieve success, contribute to their communities and advance society.

## Our Values



**Student-Centered**



**Equity-Driven**



**Future-Focused**



**Credible**



**Knowledge-Driven**



**Collaborative**



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# Tips for Completing the RFP

- You must create a new profile in Aventri even though you have submitted a proposal before
- One point of contact (preferably the lead presenter) must share all information with co-presenters & verify conflicts.
  - Reminder, each co-presenter must have a unique email and to use the same email when registering for the conference.
- Each organization may only submit 3 proposals.
  - If more than 3 are submitted, Aurora Institute will consider only the first 3 proposals submitted chronologically.
- Interactivity and personalizing attendee learning are key.
- Product pitches will not be considered.
- Accepting URLs to videos that showcase students, teachers, and/or leaders (optional).
- PDF of RFP questions is available to download/print.



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# Designing Interactive Sessions

Examples:

- Design quick response surveys.
- Move away from slide deck/“stand and deliver” toward conversation.
- Start with ice breaker to promote engagement & networking.
- Gauge audience interest & level of understanding at beginning of session.
- Group and re-group attendees around common interests.
- Incorporate blended or online components.
- Encourage attendees to share what they’re learning on social media.

# Questions?

← Type your questions in the chat box.

# The RFP Is Officially Open

March 23rd - May 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time

We receive more than 800 proposals each year, but are only able to select a fraction of those. We invite potential presenters' best and highest thinking that can make the greatest impact in the lives of attendees.



<https://aurora-institute.org/symposium2020/agenda/presentation-opportunities/>





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