

MITESOL 2016 Call for Proposals

THE CHANGING FACES OF DIVERSITY



October 14 – 15, 2016

University of Michigan – Flint

Riverfront Banquet Center

Flint, Michigan

Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages invites professionals involved with English Language learners to submit proposals for our annual conference, to be held October 14 & 15, at the Riverfront Banquet Center at the University of Michigan – Flint. The theme of this year's conference is *"The Changing Faces of Diversity."*

The question we wish to pose to MITESOL members for this conference is:

How do YOU	advocate		
	celebrate		
	challenge		classroom
	educate	diverse populations in your	school ?
	enrich		community
	integrate		scholarship
	motivate		
	research		

It is a given that TESOL professionals serve students of diverse ethnicities, nationalities, religions, and languages. Our students come to us with varied life experiences, viewpoints, and backgrounds. We live in a world where the definition of diversity is expanding. We need to acknowledge and address the growing diversity in U.S. classrooms by encouraging the development and use of differentiated teaching strategies to meet the needs of each student. We can focus on a variety of aspects of diversity, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Age, gender, marital status
- Residence status (refugee, immigrant, second generation, visa-holder)
- Educational background
- Socioeconomic background
- Preferred learning styles
- Personality type (introvert, extrovert, ambivert)
- Learning / physical disabilities and challenges
- Academic ability
- Sexual orientation (cisgender, LGBTQA)
- Appearance

We especially welcome proposals addressing one or more of these questions this year. In addition, we invite proposals related to all aspects of ESL/ELL/EAL in diverse contexts, including recent research and best practices related to standards-based instruction, curriculum and materials development, assessment, language policy & advocacy, CALL, program administration, and professional development, to name a few.

Proposals will be accepted for the following four formats:

- **Standard Session** (45 minutes) Presentations of all types and foci, including:
 - Papers (a summary of research, pedagogy, curriculum, sociopolitical concerns, etc.)
 - Teaching Demonstrations (that *show & explain* instructional technique/s)
 - Panel Discussions (structured, facilitated discussions of current topics in TESOL)
 - SIG meetings
- **Computer Lab Session** (45 minutes) Session where all attendees require access to computer
- **Workshop** (90 minutes) Structured, focused session that actively engages participants in hands-on professional development.
- **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.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

Proposals must be submitted through our online proposal form by **July 15, 11:59 p.m.** See the ***Guidelines for Submitting MITESOL 2016 Conference Proposals***, on the next page, for detailed instructions and a link to the online form.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING MITESOL 2016 CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

Deadline for Proposals: **July 15, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EDT**

Access MITESOL’s online proposal system at: <https://www.openconf.org/mitesol2016>

The proposal form will ask you to provide the following information:

1. **Author(s):** Provide the required information for all authors. You may add up to 5 additional authors per proposal. All authors must be listed in this proposal in order to be included in the program.
2. **Contact Author:** Identify the author who will serve as primary contact for all correspondence related to the proposal.
3. **Submission Format:** Select the *type of session* you are proposing:
 - Standard Session (45 mins) Presentations of all types (research, teaching) & panels
 - Computer Lab Session (45 mins) Session where all attendees require access to a computer
 - Workshop (90 mins) Structured session that engages participants in hands-on prof. development
 - Poster or Trifold
4. **Required Proposal Components:**
(We recommend drafting and saving these 3 components in advance, and then pasting them into the online form. This will allow you to carefully revise and edit and prevent you from losing changes).
 - a. **Proposal Title** (12 words): Create a title that clearly describes your session.
 - b. **Proposal for Session** (300 words): Clearly describe the purpose/focus & main content of the proposed session. This will be read by reviewers, and should be grounded in current theory/research/practice, well organized, & well written, and should conform to expectations for Submission Format, as detailed in the 2016 Call for Proposals on MITESOL's website.
 - c. **Abstract for Program** (50 words) Write an abstract for the conference program that will solicit the appropriate audience/s to your session.
5. **Focus of Proposal:** Indicate the interest section and topic area for your proposal, using the two drop-down menus provided:
 - a. **Interest Section:** Select the **ONE** area that best matches your target audience:

K-12
Post-Secondary (IEP, EAP, college, university)
Adult Education (ABE, community/church/workplace-based programs)
Computer-Assisted Language Learning
Professional Development
Advocacy & Policy

- b. **Topic Area/s:** Select at least ONE and up to TWO topic areas that match the focus and content of the proposal session:

Diversity
Research
Theory
Practice
Teacher Education
Curriculum / Materials Design
Reading
Writing
Listening
Speaking
Grammar
Vocabulary
Assessment

6. **Equipment/Technology Needs:** All rooms will be equipped with a PC compatible projection system & screen and a desktop PC with CD/DVD player. Presenters are responsible for bringing **their own laptop computers, power cords**, and—for Apple users—**projection adaptors**.
7. **Password:** You will be asked to create a password that will allow you to access your proposal again—*after* it has been submitted and *before* the deadline—to make changes.
8. **Submitting Your Proposal:** Click “Make Submission” once. You will receive an automated email verifying that your proposal has been received and providing your Submission I.D. Please note: By submitting a proposal, you are agreeing that you can be available to present at any of the presentation times offered during the conference.
9. **Making Changes to a Proposal *After* it has been Submitted:** Using your Submission I.D. and password, you may access submitted proposals to make changes *any time before* the deadline, July 15. After this date, the **ONLY** changes you may make are: (a) to withdraw an author, or (b) to withdraw the proposal. Authors may **NOT** be added.

Notification of Proposal Status

Acceptance decisions will be **emailed** to contact authors by mid-August. Contact authors will be responsible for communicating the decision to any co-authors on their proposal.

Questions? Please contact us.

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