Call for Proposals

About the Conference:

The fourth annual Gonzaga University Leadership Studies Student Research Symposium will be held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington on April 1 & 2, 2016. The aim of this conference is to share current work on emerging questions, completed research and service projects in the field of leadership by undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students at Gonzaga University. The conference is intended to showcase the multiple perspectives of our students, our programs and the complexity of the field of leadership studies. The conference is also intended to highlight the theory and practice of leadership studies currently alive in our programs.

Organizers of this conference are committed to encouraging leadership student scholars from various academic programs to participate in an all-inclusive dialogue about leadership studies at Gonzaga University.

Proposal Submission:

We invite your submission of a paper presentation, poster, or panel discussion, whether it is a paper, completed research, a research idea, a service learning project, or a panel discussion on a topic related to leadership.

*Deadline: Submissions will be accepted through February 29, 2015.*

This year’s conference is open to current Undergraduate Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP) students, Communication Leadership, Organizational Leadership, and Doctoral students and candidates and other students exploring the topic of leadership at Gonzaga University. Students and candidates may submit a full paper, a panel discussion proposal and/or poster session proposal.
When submitting your proposal, please be sure to indicate whether your submission is for a paper presentation, panel discussion or a poster session.

Your proposal for this symposium consists of an abstract, limited to 150 words, that includes a title, summary of the purpose and key points(s) regarding your presentation, as well as a 50 word bio. If you are proposing a panel discussion, please keep member bios short (less than 20 words each). For online submission of your proposal and specific criteria, please see the guidelines and suggestions regarding presentations (for all formats) at: www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipsymposium

**Presentation Formats:**

Please choose one of the following formats for structuring your presentation:

- **Paper Presentations:** A “paper presentation” is understood as a formal presentation supported by either completed research a scholarly expression of literature, a research proposal, a service learning project, or other related class or leadership topic paper. Each student or paper proposal (if multiple authors) accepted under this format will provide a 12-15 minute synopsis/presentation (either Power Point or Prezi) of the project followed by a 5-minute time for questions and answers.

- **Panel Discussions:** For this format panel participants ( anywhere from 3-5 members) will propose a discussion topic focused on a coherent theme to provide the audience with new insights. Individuals participating in panel discussion may present traditional papers, but panel formats emphasizing interaction among participants and audience members are also welcome. In the proposal, a title, panel description, panel rationale for the topic and possible discussion/conversation points should be provided.

- **Poster Sessions:** For this format students are invited to present a 36” x 48” poster that examines a leadership related topic through the discussion of a service-learning experience, a research project, or a research question. Posters will be displayed for viewing throughout the symposium in Jepson lobby, with a 1-hour block for questions on Saturday. An abstract for the poster must be submitted online. In addition, posters must be able to stand on a table top on their own (e.g. be trifold style).

To submit your proposals and learn more about the 4th Annual Leadership Studies Student Research Symposium, please visit www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipsymposium

**Faculty contacts for proposal questions:**

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