Call for Proposals

About the Conference:

The 6th annual Gonzaga University Leadership Studies Student Research Symposium will be held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington on April 20-21st, 2018. The aim of this conference is to share current work on emerging questions, completed or in process research, service projects, and practical application workshops in the field of leadership by undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students at Gonzaga University. The conference intent is to showcase the multiple perspectives of our students, the programs as well as the complexity of the field of leadership studies. This conference highlights the theory and practice of leadership studies currently alive in our campus. Organizers of this conference are committed to encouraging leadership student scholars and practitioners from various academic and extracurricular programs to participate in an inclusive dialogue about leadership studies at Gonzaga University.

Proposal Submission:

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

*Deadline: Submissions will be accepted through March 4th, 2018.*

This year’s conference is open to current Undergraduate Payne Center for Leadership Development, Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP) students, Communication & Leadership, Organizational Leadership, and Doctoral students and candidates, alumni and other students exploring the topic of leadership at Gonzaga University. Students and candidates may submit a paper abstract, workshop proposal, panel discussion proposal, and/or a poster proposal by the March 4th deadline for consideration.

When submitting your proposal, please be sure to indicate whether your submission is for a paper presentation, interactive workshop, 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. For formatting purposes, please do not copy and paste from a separate document. Instead, please type your abstract directly into the submission page.

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 24” x 36” 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 tabletop on their own (e.g. be trifold style).

- **Interactive Workshops**: Primarily targeted at undergraduate student leaders, these are formal, interactive presentations that examine a leadership related topic supported by research and/or lived experience. The audience for these workshops will be newly elected GU undergraduate student leaders. The goal of these workshops is to get students thinking about the big picture and theoretical underpinnings of leadership. Each presenter(s) will provide a 50-minute interactive workshop and allow undergraduate participants to respond to and interact with ideas discussed followed by 5-10 minutes allowed for questions and answers. Presentations best suited for this format would address topics such as:

  - Team Building: group development theory, community contracts, group expectations and norms, delegation, inspiring a shared vision
  - Effective Communication: social media engagement, conflict mediation, boundaries, managing sensitive conversations, giving and receiving feedback
  - Self-care for Leadership Wellness: setting boundaries, personal awareness, reflection
  - Impactful Programming: event planning, marketing, team work
  - Diversity & Inclusion: power, privilege, creating inclusive groups, intercultural competence

To submit your proposals and learn more about the 6th Annual Leadership Studies Student Research Symposium, please visit [www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipsymposium](http://www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipsymposium)

**Faculty/Staff contacts for proposal questions:**

- Comprehensive Leadership Program – Dr. Josh Armstrong - armstrongj@gonzaga.edu
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