

## **Shaping Sustainable Futures for Internationalization in Higher Education**

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 June 2019

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

#### **About the conference**

Higher education has long been an area of international knowledge exchange, with people and ideas crossing borders for hundreds of years. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, internationalization has become significantly more pronounced with, for example, huge increases in worldwide flows of students, new branch campuses opening in every corner of the globe, and leaps in the number of cross-national research collaborations and co-authored publications. Theories, policies and practices of internationalization are spreading and transforming new ideas and approaches around the world.

In the face of this continuing diffusion, the purpose of this conference is both to take stock of internationalization in higher education as it is currently evolving in Canada and around the world, and to consider the ways in which it could be shaped sustainably into the future.

The main themes of the conference are quality, reciprocity, and inclusivity as they relate to shaping sustainable futures for internationalization in higher education. Questions we hope to explore include - but are certainly not limited to - the following: How can access to internationalization be improved for groups that have traditionally been marginalized from internationalization activities? How do we know if internationalization is working for students? What are the drivers behind internationalization assessment and to what extent should they shape action by policy actors? In countries with high levels of immigration, just what do we mean by 'international' in the classroom? How can internationalization efforts engage respectfully with and incorporate Indigenous knowledges, worldviews and peoples? In what ways is internationalization playing out similarly and differently in different parts of the world?

In considering possible answers to these questions, we seek to foster conversations that can strengthen dialogue across sectors while emphasizing the integrity of the distinct roles we play in the internationalization of higher education. The conference will bring together academics, experts, policymakers, practitioners and students in a space where expertise and experience from a wide range of perspectives are valued and shared.

Delegates will actively participate in sessions over two days and will be invited to collaborate in the creation of resources that could help foster more sustainable futures for internationalization in higher education. This could include policy briefs, new ideas for practice and novel analytical frameworks. As well as the longer-term networks that the conference will nurture, we plan to share the conference outputs widely in the spirit of the theme of sustainability.

#### **Submit a proposal**

We invite submissions engaging in one or more of the conference themes of quality, reciprocity, and inclusivity as they relate to shaping a sustainable future for internationalization in higher education.

We will prioritize proposals that include one or more of the following:

- a) Have a participatory format;
- b) Encourage interactions between researchers, policymakers and practitioners;
- c) Lead to the creation of sharable resources;
- d) Are for a whole session (90 minutes);
- e) Address one or more of the themes of the conference.

To submit your proposal, please go to <http://tiny.cc/internationalization>. You will need to:

- 1) Provide basic information about yourself
- 2) Select the type of proposal you are making e.g. workshop, white paper session, talking circle, roundtable, storytelling, fireside chats, pre-organized panel, paper presentation - these are suggestions and we encourage other proposals formats;
- 3) Type or paste in an abstract of up to 300 words explaining:
  - What you would like to share at the conference and why;
  - How this connects to one or more of the conference themes;
  - Why the format that you have selected is suitable.

The deadline for proposals is **25 January 2019**.

Proposal outcome notifications will be sent in early March 2019.

### **Registration**

Registration will open in March 2019.

The registration fee for the conference is C\$150. There is a substantial discount for students (including PhD candidates), for whom the registration fee rate is C\$50. The registration fee includes program materials, refreshments and lunch on both days.

We hope to be able to offer travel grants to selected student presenters.

### **Conference sponsors and organizing committee**

This is an entirely student run conference, led by an organizing committee based at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto. We are: Diane Simpson, Emma Sabzalieva, Clara Kim, Nadiia Kachynska and Scott Clerk.

The conference is co-hosted with the generous support of the Centre for Canadian and International Higher Education (CIHE), OISE, University of Toronto, and Humber College, Toronto.

Other sponsors are to be confirmed.

### **Any questions?**

If you have any questions about the conference, would be interested in helping plan and/or run a session at the conference, or can sponsor a session, please get in touch with the conference organizing team at [internationalization2019@gmail.com](mailto:internationalization2019@gmail.com).

The conference website is

<https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/cihe/cihe-events/2019-shaping-sustainable-futures-for-internationalization-in-higher-education/>.