The Women and Gender Resource Center in partnership with the Center for Student Involvement, are seeking presentation proposals from faculty and staff with a strong interest in leadership development, and the intersectionality of gender-related leadership issues. We invite you to submit a proposal to present at the first Empower Women’s Student Leadership Conference. The Empower Conference connects women through learning, leadership, and experience- creating a community of leaders empowered through education focused on women and gender issues. One of the major goals of the Empower Conference is to expose emerging student leaders to impactful leaders in the UH community.

The Empower Women’s Student Leadership Conference will take place on Friday, April 28, 2017. Join us to learn, engage, and celebrate the power of women. We invite you to consider the following Request for Proposal as outlined below.

**Program Details:**

The Empower Conference provides the opportunity for students to build their leadership presence, understand gender-related leadership issues, and build a foundation for continued leadership development and success. As a result of this one day conference, participants will achieve several identified learning outcomes.

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Develop an understanding of women’s leadership.
2. Instill the value of building a personal leadership presence for success and continued leadership growth
3. Define and recognize gender-based barriers impacting leadership development and success in various organizational structures
4. Expand knowledge and skills related to diversity and inclusion, leadership styles, and dimensions of wellness
The 2017 Empower Women’s Student Leadership Conference educational sessions will each be 50 minutes.

**General Conference Schedule**

9:15-10am: Check-In & Resource Fair

10-10:50am: Opening Session with Motivational Keynote

**11-11:50am: Educational Session Block 1**

**12-12:50pm: Educational Session Block 2**

12:50-1:50pm: Lunch with Keynote

**2:00-2:50pm: Educational Session Block 3**

**3:00-3:50pm: Educational Session Block 4**

4:00-4:50pm: Closing Dialogue

**Proposal guidelines:**

When developing the educational content for the conference, our goal is to ensure a balanced and enriched offering of both leadership development skills and an inspirational experience for participants.

Primary categories for topics being considered for the 2017 Empower Conference include:

- Women’s Leadership
- Feminist Leadership
- Leadership Development
- Gender Intelligence
- Gender Identity
- Gender Roles/Bias
- Feminism
- Social Justice
- Power and Privilege
- Intersectionality
- Unconscious Bias

All submitted proposals will be considered based on the following criteria:

1. Significance and depth of the topic based on best practices
2. Format and level of interaction for the session
3. A clear connection between the session and conference learning outcomes
Submission Guidelines/ Time Frame

All conference proposals must be submitted online using the application link provided below:

2017 Empower Women's Student Leadership Conference: Presenter Application

In order to submit a complete application, you should have the following items prepared:

- Presenter contact information
- Title of session
- Description of session (100-word limit, to be used in the conference program)
- 2-4 Learning outcomes (connected to the conference learning outcomes and purpose)
- An outline of the session
- Format of session
- Identified topic area (based on the list above)

Proposals will be accepted until **5:00pm Friday, March 3, 2017.**

You will be contacted via email by **5:00pm Monday, March 27, 2017** to advise you of the status of your submission for the conference. If we have any questions or require clarification, we may contact you prior to a decision being made.

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We hope you can join us!