



MDCLCA CONFERENCE | 2017

Supporting Learners in the 21st Century

Call for Proposals

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017

Location: The Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville, MD

About the Maryland College Learning Center Association (MDCLCA)

The MDCLCA (formerly MDLCN) is a voluntary association of learning center professionals employed at Maryland colleges and universities (2 & 4 year, public & private) who come together each year for professional and career development. Our membership is open to all interested academics in Maryland who work in areas such as academic support services, tutoring, academic coaching, advising, placement testing, and study skills development.

Conference Theme and Break-Out Session Tracks

This year's conference theme, *Supporting Learners in the 21st Century*, will encourage dialogue about what it means to be a student in the 21st century and how we, as learning center professionals, can support, prepare, and empower students.

To this end, there are four proposal tracks:

- ❖ *Using Technology for Student Success*
 - This track welcomes proposals focused on innovative uses of technology to teach, train, and tutor students. Sessions will provide ideas on ways to effectively use technology to engage students and stimulate critical thinking.
- ❖ *Creative Collaborations*
 - This track welcomes proposals focused on collaborations across the campus and within the community that help support student learning. Sessions will explain ways that departments can work with one another to reach a larger college audience and increase service effectiveness.

❖ *Engaging Diverse Populations*

- This track welcomes proposals focused on the variety of students who attend college today. Sessions will spark conversations about what it means to be a college student in the 21st century and ways to support a diverse student body.

❖ *Developing Student Leaders*

- This track welcomes proposals focused on professional skills development for student employees as well as students in the classroom. Sessions will promote ways to foster leadership skills in college students that will allow them to become competitive in today's job market.

Spring Conference Proposal Submission

Presenters are encouraged to focus presentations around the selected theme of *Supporting Learners in the 21st Century*. Please select the track most closely aligned to your presentation topic. Presenters can choose from thirty (30) or sixty (60) minute presentations. Peer tutors and student workers are encouraged to submit proposals. Proposals will be blind reviewed.

Everyone involved with learning center work, including both professionals and student tutors/staff, are encouraged to submit. Although MDCLCA is a Maryland-based affiliate, we do invite conference submissions and participation from learning center staff outside of Maryland, especially those in the Capital Region, including Washington, DC and Virginia.

To Submit

The submission form is available on the MDCLCA website (<http://www.mdclca.org/>). Click on the "Annual Conference" tab, and then select "[Submit a Proposal](#)" from the drop-down menu. After successfully submitting a proposal, you will receive an email confirmation.

- ❖ Proposals must be submitted no later than **Friday, December 2nd**.
- ❖ Presenters will be notified via email by **Friday, January, 6th**.
- ❖ Please contact info@mdclca.org for questions or more information.

Important reminders

- ❖ Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed. Fill out all required fields on the form.
- ❖ Presenters are required to register for the conference. The registration fee is waived for student presenters (maximum of two per institution).