



# Global Youth Advancement Summit

## Call for Proposals

East Lansing, MI  
June 11-13, 2019

The 2019 Global Youth Advancement Summit “Addressing Global Inequities” will be held beginning on Tuesday, June 11 and concluding on Thursday, June 13 in East Lansing, Michigan. Youth delegates will exchange ideas, showcase innovative products and services, pitch their business ventures, learn from each other, and build genuine networks that will enable them to collaborate to define their future, and transform their communities.

### Guidelines

- Proposal Submission Timeline: Proposals will be accepted **beginning on Monday, October 29 through Monday, December 31 at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.**
- Word Limits: The Summit Planning Committee may reject a submission without review if the abstract or descriptions exceeds the word limits specified in the application.
- Participation Limits: To promote broad participation, an individual may not appear as a participating presenter on more than two submissions.
- Registration Requirements: All youth delegates whose proposals are accepted for a session (moderators and panelists where applicable) are required to register for the Global Youth Advancement Summit by March 15, 2019 and attend the Summit to present (or moderate) their scheduled session between June 11-13, 2018 (as indicated on the invitation letter).

### Selection Criteria

Each delegate will be assessed on the quality of the proposal submitted. Applicants may also choose to submit a video to further support their proposal. Delegates must convey their ideas, innovations, and solutions clearly and articulate how the proposed session relates to one or more of the Summit themes. A review team, which consists of faculty and staff will conduct a comprehensive review of the proposals and video submissions (when one is provided) and provide their recommendations to the Summit Planning Committee.

### Themes

Presenters are expected to self-identify which theme (or themes) applies to their proposed session. These “themes” provide a framework for participants of the conference to better understand the content of the session. Proposals must relate to global inequities facing young people across one or more of these broad themes and the solutions and/or innovations to address them.

The themes are:

- Art and Culture
- Education
- Livelihoods
- Healthcare
- Environment

A brief introduction to each theme can be found on the [home page](#) of our website.

### **Submission Formats**

Presenters are expected to self-identify their preferred format type from the list below. The review committee will take your preferences into consideration but will ultimately determine what works best based on the quality of overall submissions.

- Case Study Presentations
- Workshops
- TED-Style Talks
- Panel Discussion
- Poster Community
- Venture Capitalist Presentation
- Debate
- Virtual Knowledge Café
- Entrepreneurship Competition
- Innovation Lab

A detailed description of each session format can be found on the [schedule page](#) of our website.

### **Contact Information**

General inquiries regarding the Global Youth Advancement Summit may be addressed to [GYANconf@msu.edu](mailto:GYANconf@msu.edu) or by phone +1-517-884-2144. Confirmation notices are scheduled to be sent by February 4, 2019.

## Step 1: Author Information

**Thank you for expressing an interest in presenting at the Global Youth Advancement Summit. Please complete the following questions.**

1. First Name:
2. Last Name:
3. Prefix:
4. Email Address:
5. Mailing Address:
6. Telephone Number (include your country and city code):
7. Date of Birth:
8. Current Job or Professional Title:
9. Institution/Organization Affiliation:
10. Facebook URL (optional):
11. Twitter URL (optional):
12. LinkedIn URL (optional):
13. Biography (1000 character max, approximately 200 words):

### Demographic Details

Your response to the self-declaration questions will be used in considering your application to ensure that the Global Youth Advancement Summit is a diverse, inclusive and accessible environment.

If this proposal includes two or more individuals, the primary author should complete the information below. Other authors will have an opportunity to complete this information during the registration process should your proposal be accepted by the Summit Planning Committee.

1. What is your country of origin?
2. In what country/countries do you hold citizenship?
3. Are you a member of a minority group within your country?  
Yes  
No  
Unsure
4. How would you categorize your gender?  
Man  
Woman  
Non-Binary/Third Gender  
Prefer Not to Say

5. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

- Yes
- No

6. What is your highest level of academic achievement?

- No Certificate, Diploma or Degree
- High/Secondary School Diploma or Equivalent
- Post-Secondary Qualification (trade certificate or registered apprenticeship certificate)
- College Diploma
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Earned PhD or EdD
- Medical Degree
- Post-Doctoral Degree
- Professional Certification

### **Co-Author Details**

If applicable, please add additional authors related to your proposal here.

1. Co-Presenter's Name(s):
2. Email(s):
3. Job or Professional Title(s):
4. Institution/Organization(s):
5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):
6. Gender:
7. Country of Origin:

## Step 2: Proposal Details

1. Identify the topic in a short, catchy style to attract attendance. This title will be published in the program booklet and the website (maximum 10 words).

### **Session Title:**

2. Sell your topic to entice Summit attendees. This abstract will be published in the program and may be edited by the Summit planning committee (maximum 700 characters, approximately 150 words).

### **Session Synopsis:**

3. Please select the primary theme for you session.

- Art and Culture
- Education
- Livelihoods
- Healthcare
- Environment

4. Please select the secondary theme to your session.

- Art and Culture
- Education
- Livelihoods
- Healthcare
- Environment

5. What is your preferred format type?

- Case Study Presentations
- Workshops
- TED-Style Talks
- Panel Discussion
- Poster Community
- Venture Capitalist Presentation
- Debate
- Virtual Knowledge Café
- Entrepreneurship Competition
- Innovation Lab

**Please provide a description for your proposed contribution to the summit, ensuring that you connect your description to one or more of the Summit's themes (make your pitch below).**

- For *Case Study Presentations, Workshops, Poster Community, and TED-Style Talks*, please include a detailed description of your session, the goals of the session, participant learning objectives, and any relevant information related to session (e.g., activities, and how you plan to engage the audience).
- For *Panel Discussion and Virtual Knowledge Café*, please include a detailed description of your background and expertise on a particular topic, the ideas that you would like to discuss, and how you believe these ideas are relevant to youth globally.
- For *Entrepreneurship Competition*, please include a detailed description of your business venture (what is your business, how did you start it, in what ways does it add value to communities, how is it sustainable, what are your future plans/directions and how would seed funding enable you to move your business venture forward).
- For *Innovation Lab*, please describe a wicked problem facing youth globally that you would like to address in the innovation lab. Demonstrate your design thinking process – how will you help attendees understand the problematic context and work towards solutions and ideas? What activities are you planning to help attendees immerse themselves in critical thinking and skill-building to address these problems? What expertise does your team bring to facilitating the innovation lab?
- For *Debates*, please include statements about the proposition to be debated and descriptions of the major points likely to be argued by each side.
- For *Venture Capitalist Presentations*, please describe what you would like to pitch to young entrepreneurs. What are you looking to invest in and why?

**6. Make your pitch (maximum 3000 characters, approximately 700 words):**

7. Are you interested in presenting another session?

Yes

No

8. If yes (answer only if you said yes), please submit the session description for your second session (3,500 characters max):

### **Additional Information (optional)**

Standard room setup will be theater style for debates, entrepreneurship competition, venture capitalist presentation, and TED-Style Talks, and round tables for workshops, panel discussions, case study presentations and innovation labs. The Poster Community will occur in a foyer to maximize flow of participants. The panel discussions will occur during lunch in a Q & A format.

Each room will be equipped with a laptop and projector, but please note that reliable access to Wi-Fi cannot be guaranteed. All presentation materials should be on a USB.

9. Do you have any special room setup requests? If yes, please describe:

10. Do you have any special audio or visual equipment requests?

11. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, do you or a member of your group require specific aids or service at the event location as indicated below (audio, visual, and/or mobile)? If yes, please describe.

12. The Summit and delegate presentations will be conducted in English. However, if you have particular limitations to the English language, please describe below and we will try to accommodate you accordingly.

## Step 3: Submit a Video (optional)

You are invited (but not required) to create and share a video with us that will be considered by the committee as supplemental support to your written proposal. Videos should be no more than 2 minutes in length. A few things you might address are:

- What do you hope to gain from this Summit?
- How are you demonstrating the values of equity, social justice, and advocacy for human rights?
- In what ways are you a leader in your community?
- How has your leadership impacted the communities that you serve?
- How have you demonstrated a commitment to innovation, sustainability, and scalability?

You are welcome—but not required—to use digital media such as infographics, pictures, graphs etc. to help communicate your message.

Please note that the above list is meant to offer ideas only; it is not exhaustive. Let us know who you are and be creative! We can't wait to meet you.

Please upload your video to YouTube and share the link here:



## Step 4: Delegate Engagement

Moderators will be asked to prepare opening remarks to the topic, serve as a timekeeper, facilitate the Q&A discussion, distribute and collect session evaluations, and provide an oral-brief summary of the session.

### 1. Are you interested in serving as a moderator?

- Yes
- No

Rapporteurs will be asked to submit a 1-2 page report on the proceedings of the session. They will be expected to capture key points, quotes, high-level action items, controversial or disruptive statements made by the audience, etc. Rapporteurs will be assigned to specific sessions by the Summit Planning Committee.

### 2. Are you interested in serving as a rapporteur?

- Yes
- No

### 3. (Optional) Do you have an innovative product or service that you would like to exhibit at the Summit? If yes, please describe the product or service briefly, what you would like to bring, share, or display, and why you believe it is relevant to this Summit (350 word maximum).

### 4. Each youth delegate is required to participate in the faculty mentorship program (academic or professional staff). Faculty mentors will meet virtually with delegates prior to the Summit (once) and up to three times during the Summit typically during shared meals.

a) Please share the type of information that would be the most beneficial for you during these meetings:

b) Is there a specific subject area that you would like your mentor to have expertise in? (ie: engineering, agriculture, communications)

## **Step 5: Apply for Summit Awards (optional)**

### **Sponsorship Award**

(Optional) If you are unable to sponsor yourself to attend the Summit or do not have a third-party sponsor, please provide a business case on why financial support will enable you to attend the Summit and what you hope to accomplish by attending the Summit. This document will be sent to potential funders for consideration.

**Make your Case (maximum 2000 characters, approximately 450 words):**

## **Global Youth Advancement Award**

(Optional) The Summit will feature the Global Youth Advancement Award. Five delegates will be honored for their exceptional contributions and innovations in each of the Summit's five themes: Education, Environment, Healthcare, Arts & Culture, and Livelihoods. If you are selected for this award, the Summit Planning Committee will invite you to give a 3-minute presentation about your work at the Awards Gala.

In order to be considered for this award, please provide a precise statement on how you have made a profound, sustainable, and demonstrated impact:

- a) in innovation
- b) to community/communities
- or c) in creating a scalable solution.

*Please be sure to identify **one** of the five themes that is most applicable to your contributions or innovations.*

**Make your Pitch (maximum 2000 characters, approximately 450 words):**

For award consideration, please provide the name, affiliation, and email address for three professional references that can attest to the impact of your work.

1. Reference #1:
2. Reference #2:
3. Reference #3: