

## **Educate Maine's 2021 Annual Education Symposium and Leadership Luncheon**

Educate Maine's Annual Education Symposium will be held on December 10, 2021 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine. We are currently seeking presenters to host a variety of engaging breakout sessions for participants. Priority will be given to proposals that speak to:

1. Business and educational partnerships that strengthen pathways into Maine's workforce
2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives that have positively impacted educational and workforce outcomes - emphasis on racial and gender equity
3. Highlighting student leaders and/or student groups who are making a difference in their school communities
4. Policies in Maine or elsewhere that help achieve Maine's statewide attainment goal

We welcome any and all new ideas and ways to engage participants around these important topics.

We will begin accepting proposal submissions on March 8, 2021. **The deadline for submission is May 28, 2021.** Proposals **must be submitted online** through the Educate Maine website.

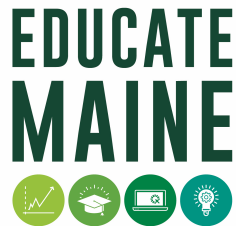
### **Session Format**

All sessions will be **50 mins** - one topic, often a panel, presentation, or brief workshop

### **2021 Proposal Evaluation Criteria**

Our team selects breakout sessions based on a number of factors. Our priority is to offer symposium attendees a diverse selection of engaging and informative sessions from which to choose. We value breadth, depth, expertise from within and beyond Maine, new ideas, compelling data, high-quality professional development, and topics related to our mission of helping Maine people reach their highest educational potential. Proposals will be evaluated more specifically based on the following criteria:

1. Alignment to one or more of the MaineSpark tracks (more details below)
2. Clear and compelling learning objectives for session participants
3. Strategies for participant engagement



## MaineSpark Tracks

Educate Maine is a proud member of the MaineSpark coalition. Working together, the coalition's goal is for 60% of Mainers to hold a credential of value by 2025. The work is organized into five strategic tracks:

- **Strong Foundations** - working with children from birth to 6th grade
- **Future Success** - college and career readiness for middle school through college-aged students
- **Adult Promise** - working with adults aged 25 and older
- **New Opportunities** - attraction and retention of new talent for the Maine workforce
- **Policy** - policies that support attainment of the 60% by 2025 goal

Please visit <http://mainespark.me/> to learn more.

## Preview of the RFP Form

All submissions must be made online through our proposal form, which can be accessed through our website. Please have the following information ready in order to complete the form.

- Name, Title/Position, Organization/School/Company of lead presenter and any co-presenters
- Contact information (email and phone) for lead presenter
- Session Title (please keep this to ~75 characters max)
- MaineSpark track selection
- Session Description including:
  - Learning objectives for participants
  - Plan for participant engagement

*If you have any questions about the RFP process, please contact us at [info@educatemaine.org](mailto:info@educatemaine.org). We look forward to reviewing your proposals!*