

Educate Maine's 2022 Annual Education Symposium

Educate Maine's Annual Education Symposium will be held on December 9, 2022 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. **Innovative school models or classroom learning that connects to Maine industry** *Examples: Rural STEM education, environmental education, career exploration*
2. **Youth focused workforce and education partnerships supporting and creating pathways to experiential learning** *Examples: CTE and higher education partnerships, Pre-apprenticeship, bridging in and out of classroom learning*
3. **Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives that have a positive impact on underrepresented groups entering the workforce** *Examples: Business connections to diverse student groups, affinity group leadership, connections to new Mainers, creative recruitment strategies*
4. **Highlighting youth leaders and/or groups who are making a difference in their school and communities**

The annual Symposium will reflect Educate Maine's work covering the entire educational pipeline from early childhood to adult education. Proposals are welcome in all areas of the pipeline as well as on policies in Maine or elsewhere that could help achieve Maine's statewide education attainment goal. Business-education partnerships and initiatives that support lifelong learning and talent attraction and retention are also welcome.

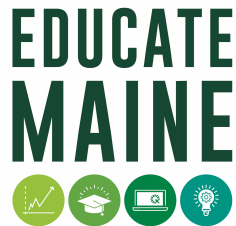
We will begin accepting proposal submissions on April 25, 2022. **The deadline for submission is June 24, 2022.** Proposals **must be submitted online** through the Educate Maine website.

Session Format

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

2022 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 our priority areas and MaineSpark tracks (more details below)
2. Clear and compelling learning objectives for session participants
3. Strategies for participant engagement

Successful proposals will highlight partnerships and creative engagement with schools, businesses, or communities. Singular vendors and organizations wishing to highlight their products or services only can request a booth in our exhibition area but will not be considered for presentations.

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

- 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)
- Area of Focus
- 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. We look forward to reviewing your proposals!