

## **2018 National Conference on Higher Education in Prison Call for Presentations**

November 8-11, 2018  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Submission Deadline: July 23, 2018  
Host: Alliance for Higher Education in Prison  
[www.nchep2018.org](http://www.nchep2018.org)

We are pleased to announce the Call for Presentations for the 2018 National Conference on Higher Education in Prison (NCHEP). Organized around the theme of "Building the Movement," the 2018 NCHEP has a central goal: to mobilize the talent, resources, and energy needed to expand access to quality higher education in prison programs and academic reentry support services, to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people and their communities across the entire United States.

For eight years our community of practitioners, students, teachers, advocates, allies, and many others has gathered in both solidarity and recognition of the crisis of mass incarceration, and in the broader hope of building a movement that can challenge it. In 2016, we further strengthened our efforts by forming the Alliance for Higher Education in Prison to support the mission of expanding access to quality higher education in U.S. prisons, empowering students in prison and after release, and shaping public discussion about education and incarceration. This year we turn our efforts to "Building the Movement."

The 2018 NCHEP will bring all of us—current and former students, practitioners, teachers, academic administrators, non-profit professionals, volunteers, funders, policy-makers, corrections professionals, journalists, filmmakers, and our myriad other allies and supporters—to the table with a set of common goals. Together we will build an inclusive community, and a movement to promote excellence and equity in the field of higher education in prison.

Drawing on the very best of higher educational traditions, including the pursuit of truth, the rigor of critical inquiry, the promotion of evidence-based discussion and debate, and the search for meaning in self and other, the conference will also use the best of these traditions to assist the important academic, advocacy, and activist work already in progress across the country. Bringing all of this work together, the planning committee for the 2018 NCHEP is pleased to invite proposals that advance the intellectual and hands-on work that will serve to define the emerging field of higher education in prison.

We encourage a wide range of proposals from currently and formerly incarcerated individuals, as well as others directly impacted by and in close proximity with the carceral system, including: activists, community organizers, artists, practitioners, and students, faculty, and staff from the nation's campuses. For 2018, we especially encourage proposals that highlight collaboration, dialogue, community engagement, and creative forms of expression as our movement builds.

The deadline for submissions is Monday July 23rd, 2018 at midnight EST. Notifications (acceptance/decline) will be sent by Friday, August 10.

The planning committee has identified six conference tracks of particular relevance to the Higher Education in Prison community of stakeholders and proposals of interest to practitioners and students that are framed as practical trainings will be given special consideration. Additionally, all proposals should connect to the conference theme – *Building the Movement* – as well as the goals of creating an inclusive stakeholder community committed to excellence and equity in the field of higher education in prison.

### **Conference Tracks:**

1. Student Support and Services
2. Pedagogy, Teaching and Learning: Theories and Philosophies
3. Data Collection, Assessment, and Evaluation
4. Organization, Administration, and Leadership
5. Public Engagement and Policy
6. Practice, Foundations, and Politics of Higher Education in Prison

### **We Welcome Proposals for Presentations in the Following Formats**

Proposed sessions are encouraged to be interactive, providing opportunities for sharing and co-creating practical and theoretical frameworks for engaged scholarship, research, advocacy, scholarship, policy, art, and self-expression across the field of Higher Education in Prison.

- Individual Paper Presentation
- Individual Paper Presentation Panel
- Work-in-Progress Papers
- Panel Discussion/Roundtable/Facilitated Dialogue
- Town Hall
- Workshop
- Pecha Kucha
- Poster Session
- Performance or Creative Work
- Media Presentation

In addition to these presentation formats, participants interested in hosting a meeting, displaying an exhibit, presenting during an open-mic event or facilitating a session in the Wellness Room can find the announcement for these activities on the conference website: [www.ncchep2018.org/events.html](http://www.ncchep2018.org/events.html).

Instructions on how to submit your proposal, along with a set of guidelines for each presentation format, are available on the 2018 NCHEP conference website at [www.ncchep2018.org/call-for-presentations.html](http://www.ncchep2018.org/call-for-presentations.html). Submissions will begin to be accepted on Monday, July 2 at 9amEST. The submission deadline is Monday, July 23 at midnight EST.

To learn more about the 2018 National Conference on Higher Education in Prison visit: [www.ncchep2018.org](http://www.ncchep2018.org). To learn more about the Alliance for Higher Education in Prison visit: [www.higheredinprison.org](http://www.higheredinprison.org).

Questions? Feel free to discuss your ideas with us before submitting your proposal. Email us at [ncchep2018@gmail.com](mailto:ncchep2018@gmail.com).