

Submit a Proposal

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2018

CPSI is a program of the Creative Education Foundation, a non-profit organization. CEF's mission is to spark personal and professional transformation by empowering people with the skill set, tool set, and mindset of deliberate creativity. Our presenters and instructors provide the leadership for, and are the heart and soul of CPSI. CPSI is a special conference during which Instructors and Presenters donate their time to support the mission work of CEF so that others might learn Creative Problem Solving in a nurturing and supportive environment.

CPSI 2019 will be held June 18-23, 2018, at the University at Buffalo in Buffalo, New York.

[Submit a Proposal for CPSI 2019 »](#)

(You might want to download this PDF of the complete proposal form to review what content we are asking for. Please only use the PDF for reference; do not complete and submit the PDF itself.)



We are currently accepting proposals that reflect cutting-edge topics and that focus on trends in creativity, creative thinking, innovation, creative problem solving, and change leadership.

Proposals must be submitted by December 15, 2018.

You may submit proposals for one or more of the following types of program sessions:

Spark Workshops: One-day sessions designed to ignite participants'

thinking. These experiential workshops run on the first day of CPSI and all participants can choose one for the day. Sparks are envisioned as a way to help attendees acclimate to the conference and begin to spark their thinking in a new, more creative manner. Topics do not need to be focused specifically on CPS, but should be applicable to the creative mindset.

Immersion Programs: These are three-day deep dives into content related to creativity and innovation. They are not designed to compete with our Core CPS Program, rather to complement with topics from related disciplines. Participants who choose to take an Immersion Program as their Main Track choice expect to spend quality time with a new topic, or to deepen their understanding of an aspect of CPS.

Extending/Breakout Sessions: These 90-minute concurrent sessions are each offered once

during the CPSI Conference. Extending sessions are offered to participants who are not enrolled in another Main Track program. They use their Extending session choices like a Choose Your Own Adventure, selecting from up to 4 choices per time slot to build their own program. Breakout sessions are offered to all CPSI attendees and expand the CPSI experience with shorter topics that cap the day's work with inspiration and exploration.

Core CPS Program: Core CPS courses run three days and include Springboard to Creative Problem Solving, CPS Tools & Techniques, Facilitating CPS, and Training CPS.

Youthwise: Youthwise is our premiere youth creativity exploration program. Children ages 8-18 spend the day exploring their creative side and learning an age-appropriate version of the CPS process and terminology.

There are prerequisites to become an instructor for Core CPS Programs and Youthwise. If you are interested in joining the Creative Education Foundation Core Faculty, please send an email directly to Missy Carvin at mcarvin@creativeeducationfoundation.org.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The CPSI Program Team considers many factors when selecting sessions, including content, target audience, format, presenters, overall balance, new and repeated sessions, and similar sessions. The Review Committee is comprised of the CPSI Program Team, seasoned CPSI leaders, CEF board members, and CEF staff.

Proposals are reviewed based on the following criteria:



Fits CPSI Teaching Philosophy: Interactive learning and applied imagination, creative thinking and problem solving that can cover personal, professional, or global topics. We encourage organizational case-study session proposals from corporations, nonprofits, schools and universities.

Proposal Completion: All required fields must be completed and written in clear and concise language. Our Program Team reserves the right to edit proposals for clarity, content, brevity and marketing.

Relevant to the Creative Process: Your session should have an obvious connection with the

creative process. This connection may also include aspects of the creative person (behavior), creative product (outcome), and creative place (environment).

Outcome Based: The learning objectives are clearly articulated.

Expertise: The presenter has documented knowledge, experience and expertise to lead the proposed session.

Previous Evaluations: Feedback from previous CPSI evaluations will be considered (where applicable) in determining the acceptance of proposals submitted. *(Note: Workshop descriptions that do not match the workshop experience and workshops that do not provide an explicit takeaway (worksheet, access to the deck, etc.) often get lower evaluation scores from the participants.)*

Logistical Support: Proposals that put extraordinary demands on CPSI logistics, AV or other resources are discouraged.

Submission Guidelines

1. **DEADLINE:** All proposals must be received by December 15, 2018.
2. You may submit up to two session proposals (either individually or as part of a team), via the same proposal form.
3. You may add up to two co-presenters for Spark, Immersion and Extending/Breakout proposals (for a total of three presenters, including yourself).
4. If you have never presented at CPSI before, we may follow up with you for references and additional information.
5. All CPSI programs, workshops and sessions are experiential and interactive. CPSI does not accept proposals for the delivery of lectures or academic papers.

We look forward to reviewing your proposals!

INSTRUCTOR/PRESENTER REGISTRATION RATES

The Creative Education Foundation recognizes the deep commitment made by its Instructors and Presenters to apply their extensive knowledge and experience to CPSI. Your expertise and registration fees ensure CPSI's quality and CEF's viability as a nonprofit organization. We acknowledge this commitment and show our appreciation through reduced Instructor and Presenter registration fees, which include all meals (housing and travel are separate and covered by the presenter). The Individual Full Registration Fee is \$1700.

Programs	Approximate Program Commitment Time at CPSI	Discounted Leader/Presenter Registration Rate. You Pay ...
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Extending / Breakout Sessions	90 minutes	\$900
Spark Sessions	1 day (approx. 7.5 hours)	\$750
Immersion Courses	3 days (approx. 17 hours)	\$550
Core CPS Courses*	3 days (approx. 17 hours)	\$550
YouthWise	4-1/2 days (approx. 24 hours)	\$400

*CORE CPS COURSES: Springboard, Tools & Techniques, Facilitating CPS, Training CPS, and Integrating Creative Leadership.

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