

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

on the Teaching of Foreign Languages



Call for Workshop and Session Proposals



Unleashing the POWER of Proficiency

NY Hilton Midtown February 8–10, 2018



Bill Heller, Chairperson

Deadline for submission: May 30, 2017

Thank you so much for considering submitting a proposal to present at the 2018 NECTFL Conference *Unleashing the POWER of Proficiency*, to be held February 8–10, 2018 at the NY Hilton Midtown. We welcome all proposals, and especially those with a connection to our conference theme. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Contact: info@nectfl.org

Call for Proposals

The 2018 Northeast Conference will be held at the New York Hilton Midtown, February 8-10. Our aim is to bring together all those involved in the teaching and promotion of world languages, including researchers and educators at every level of education, across the Northeast region and beyond.

The 2018 conference theme is *Unleashing the POWER of Proficiency* and our program will include invited sessions, featured presentations by distinguished speakers, a variety of topical sessions, along with our #techlab, Research Roundtable, "Best of State" sessions, and more in depth three and six-hour pre-conference workshops.

We welcome all proposals, and especially those with a connection to our conference theme. The Program Committee will select ten session proposals directly related to deepening an understanding of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines and the ACTFL Core Practices for special designation as Featured Presentations. One Featured Presentation will be offered during each of the ten conference sections.

IF YOU ARE A VENDOR OR SERVICE PROVIDER: please submit your proposal via the same link below.

Time Slot Options:

Thursday:	Three- or six- hour workshops
Friday and Saturday:	One-hour sessions

[Propose your session here!](#)

You will be asked to provide an abstract and description of the proposed presentation (not exceeding 750 characters each). Proposals will be peer reviewed and you should receive feedback by mid- to late summer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@nectfl.org.

Thank you!

Pre-conference Workshops

Thursday will feature more in-depth three and six hour workshops. Proposals with direct connection to the theme will be given priority, but proposals on any relevant topic will be considered. These workshops can feature more opportunities for interaction and offer more in depth treatment of high-interest current issues in world language education.

Featured Sessions

Ten sessions will be designated as Featured Sessions and will be highlighted in the program. These are sessions which the Program Committee has selected for their strong connection to the theme: *Unleashing the POWER of Proficiency*. Strong theme-related topics might include:

- Communicating the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines to learners
- Deepening understanding of the ACTFL Core Practices
- Understanding and using the ACTFL/NCSSFL Can-Do Statements
- Understanding and using the Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication
- Strengthening Interpersonal mode instruction through pair and group activities
- Strengthening Interpretive mode instruction using authentic resources
- Promoting use of target language by teachers and learners
- Exploring the teaching of grammar as a concept
- Understanding and using effective corrective feedback techniques
- Exploring new ways of assessing and evaluating proficiency-based learning

Session proposals submitted for consideration as Featured Sessions which are not selected for that designation will then be placed under consideration for selection as General Sessions.

General

Sessions not specifically aligned to one of the above conference-theme focused strands will be considered in this category.

#techlab

If you have a technology-related idea that doesn't necessarily fit the hour-long session model or would lend itself well to attendee hands-on learning opportunities, consider presenting in our #techlab, during which multiple presenters will set up in a tech 'fair'. Attendees will have the option of staying at one table or walking around to visit as many as possible. A full description of your presentation will be included in the conference program.

Research Roundtable

If you have a research-related presentation that doesn't necessarily fit the hour-long session model or would lend itself well to interactive discussion, consider presenting in our Research Roundtable, during which multiple presenters will set up in one room, two per table. The hour will be divided into two half-hour time slots. Each presenter will present once, and attendees will have the opportunity to switch tables at the half-hour mark. Interactive discussion will provide dialogic interaction between presenters and attendees. A full description of your presentation will be included in the conference program.

Exhibitor Sessions

Vendors and service providers renting space in the exhibit hall may submit one session proposal per booth rented. Proposals received after the deadline are subject to availability. Pre-conference workshops are not open to vendors or service providers. (See detailed policy in the Call for Proposals below.)

Policy on Consideration of NECTFL Session Proposals

The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL) appreciates and depends upon the generosity of corporate sponsorships and robust participation by commercial vendors for the success of the conference. With the advent of increasing internet commerce, the line between active practitioners and commercial vendors has blurred. In the interest of consistency and transparency, this policy for the acceptance of conference sessions for NECTFL is offered:

1. Commercial enterprises who sponsor booths are entitled to an exhibitor session as part of their sponsorship fees. Exhibitor sessions are clearly identified in the conference program.
2. Pre-conferences are not available to vendors. These sessions are highly selective and gratis registration and/or honoraria may be offered to presenters. For that reason, these workshops are limited to practitioners and/or recognized leaders in the field.
3. Proposals from practitioners or consultants who represent or receive reimbursement from a commercial enterprise for a session are also ineligible for consideration as a pre-conference workshop. These may be proposed as exhibitor sessions if the commercial enterprise purchases space in the exhibit hall.
4. Conference sessions are normally presented by current practitioners or recognized leaders in the field. These sessions are offered as service to the profession without remuneration. Out of fairness to vendors who exhibit, support and advertise for the conference, regular one-hour regular sessions need to be "commercial free". All presenter-created materials referenced during these sessions must be made available for free to all session attendees. Materials or services for sale on commercial websites benefitting the presenter or a company that they represent should not be advertised, promoted, distributed or referenced during the presentation.