



THE LEAD FUND AUTHORS PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The AAAED 45th National Conference and Annual Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, IN, June 11 - 13, 2019. This year's theme, ***"Moving Beyond Diversity Towards Equity and Inclusion"*** has led us to keep the discussion and learning around access, equity and diversity going and bridge the gap between theory and research.

The Fund for Leadership, Equity, Access and Diversity (LEAD Fund), the 501c3 affiliate of AAAED, is seeking undergraduate and graduate student presentations for its LEAD Fund Authors Program. The LEAD Fund was established to provide thought leadership in promoting inclusive organizations and institutions through research and education on issues related to diversity, social responsibility, human and civil rights. The LEAD Fund is a "Think and Do" tank, which advances new knowledge and tested strategies aimed at eliminating prejudice and discrimination.

Consistent with its Public Education program, the LEAD Fund conducts research on persistent and cutting-edge issues that expand the body of knowledge in diversity, equal opportunity law and social justice policy, and provide effective strategies and best practices to ensure access and opportunity for all. The LEAD Fund Authors Program emphasizes "Diversity in Action" and is committed to promoting undergraduate and graduate research that advances new understandings and tested strategies aimed at expanding organizational or institutional knowledge of access, equity, and diversity.

LEAD Fund Authors are selected among a diverse pool of applicants who present their work in the form of poster presentations at the American Association for Access, Equity, and Diversity's (AAAED) annual conference and in other venues. Students may also submit their papers directly to the LEAD Fund. This is a competition. After the conference, selected presenters will become LEAD Fund Authors and will have the opportunity to have their presentations published by the Fund. If their research is chosen for publication, LEAD Fund Authors will receive an honorarium.

LEAD Fund Authors' presentations are intended to disseminate fresh ideas on methods to promote access, equity, and diversity in employment, education and business/contracting. LEAD Fund Authors also have an opportunity to become LEAD Fund Fellows after graduation and to foster relationships with AAAED professionals.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be of undergraduate or graduate status, enrolled at a higher education institution.
- Paper submissions must be relevant to advancing knowledge about access, equity, and diversity in domestic or international spheres.
- Submission Criteria:
 - Include 500-word maximum bio or curriculum vitae
 - Must have abstract and conclusion
 - Minimum, 15 pages: maximum, 20 pages
 - Accurate Citation, Chicago Style (Bibliography will be verified)
 - Appropriate Footnotes
 - Submission must focus on advancing access, equity, and diversity in domestic and/or international spheres
 - Consent to be published by the LEAD Fund
 - Consent to have poster presentation available for AAAED national conference and relevant LEAD Fund events

- Consent to have the paper edited
- Submit today by emailing leadfund@aaaed.org by February 15, 2019.
 - Name (First, Last):
 - School:
 - Department:
 - Phone:
 - Email:
 - Mailing address:
 - Faculty Advisor name:
 - Faculty Advisor email:
 - Topic:
 - Paper title: Abstract:
 - Oral Presentation
 - Please consider me for oral presentation at the conference
 - Please do not consider me for oral presentation at the conference
 - Poster Presentation
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