



Call for Proposals

ICOT 18 Miami invites researchers, scientists, scholars, students, and practitioners to submit proposals advancing the development of thinking strategies in seeking innovative solutions to the problems and challenges of the 21st Century. With the theme “Cultivating Mindsets for Global Citizens” we aim to create awareness about global issues and the big questions that the next generations will inherit from us. Together we will explore strategies for deeply engaging citizens as young as toddlers up to seniors in understanding world issues from different points of view.

The [tracks](#) reflect the transdisciplinary nature of the conference, as well as the imperative for creative and collaborative solutions to ensure a better world in the future. The scientific committee proposes four tracks with guiding questions. We invite our presenters to share their big questions and engage the participants in thought-provoking conversations towards thinking and global-mindedness. Please see the Conference Philosophy <http://icot18.com/themes/>

***We do not accept proposals to sell products from profit-making agencies**

TRACKS

Click each track to access the guiding questions

- [Education, Learning and the Brain](#)
- [Health and Well-being](#)
- [Environmental sustainability](#)
- [Population movement, integration and global citizenship](#)

We welcome paper submissions in the following formats:

Conference Session Formats

Sessions will vary in structure in order to provide a robust conference experience for presenters and participants. Presenters are asked to identify their preferred format in their proposal; however, proposal reviewers may suggest alternative formats and/or the combination of like topics for shared concurrent sessions.

1. Research Panels

2. **Roundtable discussions**
3. **Interactive workshops**
4. **Poster Sessions**
5. **Thinknovators**

Research Panels

Research Panels: 60 minutes with no more than 3 presentations (20-minutes each)

Description: Panels consist of three 20 minute presentations reporting the results of conceptual or empirically-based research, or Action research papers are highly encouraged.

Proposals may reflect any variety of quantitative or qualitative methodological approaches, as well as theoretical papers. Submissions not meeting these criteria (e.g. literature reviews) should be submitted under another format. The proposed paper should be appropriate for submission to a refereed journal. Complete papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

Research proposals should include:

Abstract (no more than 600 words, APA style):

- Significance of the topic/issue/ problem to conference themes)
- Originality of the work
- Research questions
- Conceptual framework
- Methodology
- Data collection and analysis procedures
- Implications and conclusions

Roundtable Discussions

Sessions of 60 minutes with no more than 4 presenters (15 minutes each)

Roundtables are thematic, integrated dialogues between session participants about a clearly identified theme or topic connected with the conference themes. Roundtables are intended to advance, enhance, or share information about research projects that are still in progress. Roundtables aim to create opportunities for giving and receiving targeted feedback, engaging in in-depth discussions, and meeting colleagues with similar interests.

The proposal must include a list of 2-3 clearly stated discussion questions to encourage participation by audience members. Please note that several roundtable discussions happen simultaneously in the same, large room, so formal presentations using slides and/or other support media are **not** possible.

Evaluation Criteria:

Abstract (no more than 500 words, APA style) including:

- Significance of the topic/issue/ problem to the field
- Clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session
- Potential for stimulating scholarly discussion
- Originality
- Methods planned to engage participants.

Interactive workshops

Interactive workshops consist of 1:15 minute interactive presentations

The workshops should be interactive and encompass the way the presenter is transforming research into practice, with an emphasis on the process s/he has gone through in thinking deeply about teaching and learning environments and understanding.

Evaluation Criteria:

Abstract (no more than 500 words, APA style) including:

- Significance of the topic/issue/ problem to the field (connected with conference themes)
- Originality of the work
- Conceptual framework
- Pedagogy: Delivery methods and audience engagement

Poster Sessions

Simultaneous poster presentations of 45 minutes

Description: A poster presents information about completed or ongoing research by an individual or representatives of research teams. Poster sessions combine the graphic display of materials with the opportunity for individualized, informal discussion of the research. Participants move from one display to another, interacting with the researchers for varying amounts of time. Posters are displayed on a 4' by 8' poster board. Additional information will be provided upon acceptance of the proposal.

Evaluation Criteria:

Abstract (no more than 500 words, APA) including:

- Significance of the topic/issue/ problem to the field (connected with conference themes)
- Originality of the work
- Conceptual framework
- Pedagogy: Delivery methods and audience engagement

Thinknovator

New at ICOT18 Miami is the “thinknovator” session, a place for design thinking. It will be facilitated by the [Startup FIU](#) team. “Thinknovator” will offer a space for knowledge partners to engage in sessions dedicated to discovering creative solutions for 21st Century quandaries. We are looking for questions related to the themes of the conference to provoke animated debate among a small group of thinkers as they discuss the shape of the dilemma presented in the question, and create solutions and plans for resolving it. Each group will meet for 6 hours on Wednesday morning before the conference and will present its solution to the challenge at the closing plenary of the conference. The group members can continue to think and interact during the conference. A space and time will be allocated for “Thinknovators” during the conference.

One proposal for each of the Conference themes - Education, Learning & the Brain; Health & Wellbeing; Environmental Sustainability; and Population Movement, Integration & Global Citizenship – will be selected by “Thinknovator” participants and judges to be shared to the ICOT18 attendees at the closing plenary.

The proposal should be presented in the form of a question that defines an issue of concern and a pitch (brief presentation) of how you envision to solve that problem. The question will serve as the basis for intense conversation during the Conference and team building. To support the importance of the question, please provide answers to these questions:

How do you think this dilemma developed?

Why is the dilemma of interest to you?

How can a multidisciplinary approach be useful in dealing with this dilemma?

Please limit proposals to 300 words.

Type of proposal (please select one at the time if you are submitting more than one proposal)

- 1. Research Panels**
- 2. Roundtable discussions**
- 3. Interactive workshops**
- 4. Poster Sessions**
- 5. Thinknovators**

Audience

- **Teachers**
 - **All grade levels**
 - **Early Childhood**
 - **K-5**
 - **Middle & High School**
 - **Administrators**

- **Higher Education**
 - **Higher education in general**
 - **Administrators**
- **Other fields**
 - **Artists**
 - **Anthropologists**
 - **Business**
 - **Designers and Architects**
 - **Economists**
 - **Environmentalists**
 - **Journalists**
 - **Neuroscientists**
 - **Policy Makers**
 - **Political Science**
 - **Psychologists**
 - **Researchers**
 - **Sociologists**
 - **_____ Other**

Timeline

Call for proposals	April 21, 2017
Abstract submission deadline	August 30, 2017
Abstract acceptance notification	September 30, 2017
Full paper submissions deadline (for research papers only)	October 30, 2017
Presenters registration deadline	October 30, 2017

Conference Presenter's Registration fees:

Presenter - Registration	\$ 550.00
FIU Presenter - Registration	\$ 210.00

In order to confirm your participation as a presenter, please register by October 30, 2017