



Request for Proposals from Teacher Presenters for the Minnesota Independent School Forum STEM Education Conference

The **Minnesota Independent School Forum** invites you to submit a proposal to present at our **2019 MISF STEM Education Conference**, which will take place on **Thursday, August 8, 2019** at **Benilde-St. Margaret's School**, 2501 Highway 100 S, Minneapolis, MN 55416.

Based on an analysis of conference trends and attendee surveys as well as input from a teacher planning committee, we've learned how much teachers like learning from and with other teachers. Thus, this year's conference will feature more ways for teachers and school leaders to network with one another and share their expertise and ideas. STEM education organizations and experts from the community will continue to be included in the conference program as well.

The 2019 STEM Education Conference will focus on three themes:

- Human-centered STEM: integrating language arts, social studies, the arts or religion with STEM; problem/project-based learning; design thinking; community connections.
- STEM for the future: building STEM skills and STEM mindset, science & engineering practices or crosscutting concepts; exploring educational pathways and careers; engaging students in real-life experiences with processes or technology.
- STEM outside: connecting to the natural world, on Earth and beyond; environmental STEM; food systems and agriculture.
- *Submissions for presentations on other STEM topics are also invited and always welcome.*

This year the conference will include two different hour-long breakout session formats for teacher presenters:

- **Standard Breakout Session:** These sessions typically feature STEM Grant projects, innovative courses/lessons or instructional approaches/strategies. Presenters are usually individuals or teams from a single school.
- **Topical Panel:** A panel session brings together 2-4 presenters from one or more schools around a common topic or idea. Submissions that are either complete panels (2-4 presenters with a defined topic for a 1-hour presentation) or individual (to be matched by MISF with other presenters to comprise an hour-long presentation) are welcome.

We are asking presenters to **complete the session proposal form linked below before the end of the day on April 1, 2019 at 5:00pm** so that we can provide a complete conference program when **registration opens**. Visit Survey Monkey to view the session proposal form and submit a proposal to present: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019SEC-teacher-presentation>

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