

2026 Kentucky Student Success Summit Future Focused: Student-Centered

March 23-24, 2026

Call for Session Proposals

★ Help us shine a light on campus innovations to support student success! ★

The **Kentucky Student Success Summit** brings together postsecondary institutions and partners across the Commonwealth to highlight innovative practices and partnerships that advance student success. We invite you to submit a proposal to share your innovations at the **2026 Summit**, held **March 23–24**, **2026**, at the **University of Louisville**.

This year's theme, Future Focused: Student-Centered, invites us to reflect on the progress we've made while envisioning what's possible. The Summit breakout sessions will showcase innovative practices that are driving student success and highlight the impact of collaborative efforts across our campuses.

Session Information

- Length: 60 minutes (includes Q&A)
- **Format:** Interactive presentations, panels, or workshops
- Tracks: Proposals should align with one of the following two tracks:

Track 1: Innovative Practice

An *innovative practice* is a success strategy, program, or initiative that showcases a new or adaptive approach to improving student outcomes. The innovative practice should demonstrate efficacy through measurable gains in student success and be grounded in evidence or strong emerging practice. Strong proposals will:

- **Be evidence-based or emerging with promise** informed by research, proven models, or show promise within the institutional context.
- **Show high impact potential** addresses key barriers to student success and engage a significant portion of the student population.
- **Demonstrate measurable gains** supported by clear metrics indicating improvement in enrollment, persistence, retention, transfer, completion, or other student success indicators.
 - o Disaggregated data for low-income students, first-generation students, students with disabilities (SWD), and adult learners highly encouraged.



Track 2: Partnership Collaboration

Partnership collaboration refers to the intentional process of bringing together individuals, departments, or institutions to address a shared challenge in student success. The partnership collaboration should demonstrate efficacy through measurable gains in student success. Strong proposals will:

- Be purpose-driven formed in response to a shared or common problem or goal.
- **Engage multiple stakeholders** involves two or more departments, institutions, or external partners.
- Leverage collective strengths highlight shared responsibility through evidence of shared resources and/or expertise to create stronger solutions with all partners contributing to planning, implementation, and outcomes.
- **Demonstrate measurable gains** supported by clear metrics indicating improvement in enrollment, persistence, retention, transfer, completion, or other student success indicators.
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Proposal Submission Guidelines

- **Submission Format:** Proposals must be submitted at: <u>Submission Link</u>.
- **Review Criteria:** Clarity of purpose, evidence of impact or promise, and potential for scalability or replication.

Priority Deadline	December 31, 2025
Final Submission Deadline	January 26, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	February 2026



1-OR Code: Submission Link

Proposal Submission Benefits

Chosen presenters will receive:

- Up to two free registrations for Innovative Practice Sessions
- Up to three free registrations for Partnership Collaboration Sessions

^{*}Due to the limited capacity and this event being sold out the last 3 years, it is not recommended to wait to register for the Summit until after being notified if your proposal is accepted. If you have already registered, staff can process a refund to reflect the presenter benefit.