The 6th Annual
Higher Education Diversity Summit

The Higher Education Diversity Summit (HEDS) is a day and a half conference, April 14 and 15, 2016, in Denver, Colorado, which promotes diversity and Inclusive Excellence in higher education and the community. The Summit draws approximately 700 participants, expert speakers, and practitioners. It delivers a series of workshops, discussion forums and generates opportunities for networking and debate designed to increase the understanding of and appreciation for multiple worldviews related to diversity, social justice, and inclusive excellence.

The theme, “How Did We Get Here?” is a simple question with complex individual and contextual meanings that underpin the 2016 Higher Education Diversity Summit. “How Did We Get Here?” provides an entry point into critical inquiry and personal reflection. This question facilitates a critique of our multiple realities and positions them parallel to, or within contemporary understandings of identity. This theme encourages the deconstruction of events, experiences, and interactions that shape who we are and how we may understand ourselves and others.

The Steering Committee invites you to become a Presenter, Reviewer, or an Attendee of the Summit, which will take place on April 14 and 15, 2016, at the Auraria Campus in Denver, Colorado. To learn more about the Summit, please visit our website at HEDS365.org.
The Higher Education Diversity Summit Steering Committee invites you to submit a proposal for the 2016 Higher Education Diversity Summit. One of the hallmarks of the Summit is that the sessions are interactive and applicable to real life. We encourage all proposals to align with this tradition, have a theoretical, practical, and/or research focus, and connect to the Summit’s theme, “How Did We Get Here?”.

The 2016 Summit will be guided by four content areas:

- Generalist: Diversity, Social Justice and Inclusive Excellence
- Accessibility Issues in Higher Education
- LGBTQ Issues in Higher Education
- Community Colleges & Two-year Institutions

There are two proposal types being accepted for the 2016 Summit:

- **Poster**: allows for interactive discussions with Summit attendees about the practices and/or research related to the respective content areas. Information being conveyed is displayed on poster boards. Posters will be displayed Friday at the Summit and Closing Reception for engagement and dialogue.

- **Session/Workshop**: 75 minute sessions that take the form of a workshop, panel, research paper presentations or informative sessions that engage participants. We encourage creative methods for presenting information and/or interactive activities.

The last day to submit proposals is February 12, 2016. Each proposal will be peer reviewed and feedback from reviewers will be sent to the lead presenter.

To learn more about the Summit, please visit our website at [HEDS365.org](http://HEDS365.org). If you have any questions about becoming a presenter, please contact Bryan Hubain at 303-556-5208 or hubain@msudenver.edu.