



Call for Proposals

29th Annual JUSTEC Conference

Theme: Teacher Education Professional Development

University faculty and administrators, P-12 teachers, administrators, and graduate students are invited to submit proposals for the conference. We welcome topics relevant to Japanese and/or U.S. Teacher Education. Presentations of collaborative research or exchange activities between Japanese and U.S. educators are especially valued and invited.

Proposal Deadline: April 5th, 2017

Proposals should not exceed 500 words, and should be submitted as an email attachment to justec@tamagawa.ac.jp no later than April 5th, 2017. Please write "JUSTEC 2017: Proposal" in the subject line and type the presenter(s): Name, Title, Institutional Affiliation, Paper/Poster Presentation, Areas of particular interest (please chose from "a" to "d" above), and email address in the body of your mail. Selection of proposals for the Conference will be made by the JUSTEC Planning Committee by May 5th, 2017. Decisions of this committee are final.

Proposals should include:

- Presentation Title
- Presentation type (paper presentation or poster presentation)
- Areas of particular interest (please chose from "a" to "c" in the next page)
- Summary of Research/Content, including rationale or purpose
- Potential Implications
- Brief description of your Presentation Approach.

Abstract Deadline: June 5th, 2017

If your proposal is accepted, you will be expected to submit a one page abstract for publication in a program bulletin no later than June 5th, 2017.

- Please use 10-12 font and size your abstract to fit on one page.
- Please write "*JUSTEC 2017: Abstract*" in the subject line.
- Please use the correct template document sent with the letter of acceptance.
- Submit abstract as an email attachment in Word file to the JUSTEC office (justec@tamagawa.ac.jp).
- If we do not receive your abstract by the deadline, we will use your proposal as the abstract.

Submission Policy

- After April 5th, late proposals will be considered, provided that there is room in the conference program and they pass the review process.
- In order to facilitate broad participation, applicants are allowed to be first presenter for one proposal and to be co-presenter for a second proposal.
- Presenters/co-presenters of accepted proposals must have a paid registration by June 5, 2017, to be included in the program.

Areas of particular interest include:

a. Ongoing Professional Development: Models and Practices

The preparation of new teachers is often seen as the core of teacher education. However, teacher preparation is only the first step in the development of truly excellent teachers and educators. The experience that teachers gain through the initial years of classroom practice helps. But it is only that experience when combined with focused reflection on and ongoing inquiry into that practice that makes for really great educators. At this point in a teacher's career, imaginative and creative educator professional development programs and sustained opportunities at the graduate level can make all the difference between fair enough performance and mastery engagement in schools. It is also through excellent professional development programs that engage the intellectual and ethical ideals of education that teachers begin to develop the "eye" to see the whole of the school beyond their own classroom, to see how a harmony of whole school practice can be created out of initially unconnected classroom performances. This is the transformation through professional development from classroom teacher to teacher as school leader. JUSTEC 2017 sets the theme of "Professional Development in Teacher Education" and invites proposals that focuses on sustained professional development programs and opportunities at the school and graduate levels, and those that aim to turn classroom teachers into teacher and school leaders.

Topics may include: in-service technology, lesson study, analyzing student work, teacher discourse, in-service training programs, graduate programs at the masters and doctoral levels, etc.

b. How Can Teachers Be Supported to Engage a Diverse Range of Learners?

Proposals in this area will explore challenges teachers face supporting diverse learners in classrooms and approaches used by teacher educators and/or school personnel to develop pre-service teacher capacity in this area.

Topics may include: disengaged learners /unmotivated learners, culturally diverse students, second language learning, special education, on-line education, socio-economically disadvantaged students, International Baccalaureate (IB) etc.

c. How Does National Policy Affect Teacher Quality?

Proposals in this area will consider the ways in which national policy and policy initiatives shape teacher learning for either pre-service or in-service growth. Topics might involve national curriculum initiatives, nationalized certification efforts, and/or national assessments.

Topics may include: certification standards & barriers, accountability measures; curriculum standards & assessments; merit-based pay, etc.

Paper presentations:

- Presentations will occur in blocks of 30 minutes, with 2 minutes allowed for transition to the next presenter.
- We strongly encourage that presenters speak for a maximum of 20 minutes total, allowing a minimum of 8 minutes for discussion, interaction, and/or questions.
- The room is equipped with a microphone, PC (Windows) and projector. Thus, It is encouraged to bring your presentations on a memory stick to minimize time delays between presentations.
- If you have any handouts, please prepare 40 copies.

Poster presentations:

- Each poster presentation has a space of 4 feet (122cm) X 6 feet (183cm).
- If you are a poster presenter, please see the information and suggestions below (adapted from AERA guidelines) on poster preparation.

Poster Preparation (borrowed and adapted from AERA guidelines)

General Considerations

Plan to set up your display 15-30 minutes before the session is to begin. The presenting author(s) should be available throughout the session.

Your material should be mounted on poster board or cardboard. Avoid the use of heavy board, which may be difficult to keep in position on the poster surface. If it seems appropriate, it can be helpful to mount conceptually related portions of your display on backgrounds of the same color, as this will help viewers scan the display efficiently.

The poster should be as self-explanatory as possible so that your main job is to supplement the information it contains. The poster format provides a mechanism for in depth discussion of your research, but this is possible only if the display includes enough information to have a sketch pad and drawing materials available to help you make your points. It is also strongly recommended that the author(s) have available a number of copies of the full paper to distribute to interested parties.

Arrangement of Materials

The poster surface measures 4' high x 6' wide. Fasteners will be available.

A sign containing the paper title and the authors' name and affiliations should appear at the top of the poster. Keep in mind that all your text and illustrations will be viewed from a distance of more than three feet. All lettering should be at least 2/3" high, 1" for more important information, and preferably in bold font. Figures and tables should be kept as simple as possible, so that viewers can readily take away the main message. A brief large type heading of no more than one or two lines should be provided above each illustration, with more detailed information added in smaller type beneath the illustration.

A copy of your abstract (300 words or less) should be placed in the upper left portion of the poster, with a conclusion in the lower right hand corner. Although there is considerable room for flexibility, it is often useful to have panels indicating the aims of the research, the methods and subjects involved, and the experimental tasks. Another panel might highlight the important results, with a few panels being used to present the main points in tables or figures.

When working on the arrangement of your display on the poster, be aware that it is preferable to align materials in columns rather than rows. Audience members who are scanning posters have a much easier task if they can proceed from the left to right rather than having to skip around in the display.