



Innovation &
Entrepreneurship in
Higher Education

6th Annual Deshpande Symposium

Call for Panel Proposals Open!

Dear Greetings!,

The Call for Panel Proposals for the 6th Annual Deshpande Symposium for Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Higher Education is now open and extends to February 15, 2017.

Proposals can address any of the three core areas of the Symposium:

- *Developing Entrepreneurial Universities: Culture & Ecosystems*
- *Entrepreneurship in the Curriculum*
- *University Research Commercialization and Start-ups*

The annual Symposium provides an opportunity for like-minded practitioners to share experiences, gain exposure to ideas and collaborate on activities that help accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship in colleges and universities across the country. **Please submit your proposal abstract by February 15, 2017. For complete panel proposal submission information, please visit: www.deshpandesymposium.org.**

The full agenda (including speaker and presentation topics) for this past year's Symposium can be found at: www.deshpandesymposium.org/agenda.htm.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to your participation in this year's Symposium.

Thanks again!

Raj Melville
Deshpande Foundation
Symposium Co-Chair

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Nominations for 2017 Deshpande Symposium Awards now OPEN!

We are pleased to announce that nominations for The 2017 Deshpande Symposium Awards are now open and being accepted on the Symposium website. The awards recognize exemplary programs, institutions and individuals in several areas pertaining to innovation & entrepreneurship at higher educational institutions. The categories for the Awards include:

- *Excellence in Curriculum Innovation in Entrepreneurship*
- *Excellence in Student Engagement in Entrepreneurship*

- *The Entrepreneurial University*
- *Exemplary Practice in Technology Commercialization*
- *Outstanding Contributions to Advancing I&E in Higher Education*

Applications are due by 11:59 pm EDT, April 4th 2017. Nomination process details and information on last year's awardees from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Ohio University, Arizona State University, Venturewell, The Burton D. Morgan Foundation and University of Massachusetts Lowell can be found at <http://www.deshpandesymposium.org/awards/>.

Community News & Events

We invite submissions of organizational news and events of interest for inclusion in future Deshpande Symposium newsletters. Please send all submissions to tom_odonnell@uml.edu.

VentureWell Open 2017



Mark your calendars! Open 2017 is scheduled for March 23 - 25, 2017 in Washington, DC.

VentureWell's Open 2017 conference gathers together representatives from across the I&E spectrum to share stories, start new collaborations and learn best practices in the rapidly growing field of technology entrepreneurship education. Open 2017 will feature a wealth of informative sessions and time to network with a friendly and engaging group of attendees interested in moving the field forward. Join us!

Open 2017 information (including registration): <https://venturewell.org/about-open/>.

Nominate an Inventor for the 2017 \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize



The Lemelson-MIT Program is searching for the most inventive, entrepreneurial colleagues to be nominated for the 2017 [\\$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize!](#) The Lemelson-MIT Prize honors an outstanding mid-career inventor who is improving the world through technological invention and demonstrates a commitment to mentorship. Have a colleague in mind? Make a referral or [click here](#) to start the nomination process. The deadline to nominate is November 30, 2016.

Please contact Lemelson-MIT Program Executive Director Stephanie Couch (scouch@mit.edu) for more information.

NACCE: Entrepreneurship Specialist Certificate Program



Interested in earning your [Entrepreneurship Specialist Certificate](#)? Register for NACCE's upcoming online class: **March 27th - May 19th!** Based on a decade of research and outreach, NACCE's Entrepreneurship Specialist Certificate is the perfect professional development for community college administrators and educators in the classroom. In a relaxed pace, you will have the guidance and a process to amp up your faculty to meet the entrepreneurship challenge, learn how to apply the entrepreneurial method to address challenges on your campus, and help facilitate a campus conversation about how to support and grow entrepreneurship on campus and in the community. [Enroll today!](#)

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