



Innovation &  
Entrepreneurship in  
Higher Education

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## ***Call for Panel Proposals Open!***

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**Dear Greetings!,**

With the start of the spring semester well underway, we are reaching out to remind you that the 6th Annual Deshpande Symposium for Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Higher Education, June 12 - 14, 2017 in Lowell, MA, is presently accepting panel proposals.



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 entrepreneurship practitioners and researchers 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](http://www.deshpandesymposium.org).**

We appreciate your continued interest and look forward to reviewing your panel proposal for this year's Symposium.

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### **Important Dates!**

**Feb. 15, 2017** - Deadline for Panel Presentation Proposals

**March 15, 2017** - Program Announced

**April 15, 2017** - Deadline for Deshpande Symposium Awards Nominations

Please go to <http://www.deshpandesymposium.org> for more details!

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### **Nominations for 2017 Deshpande Symposium Awards now OPEN!**

Nominations for the 2017 Deshpande Symposium Awards are now being accepted on the Symposium website. The awards recognize exemplary programs, institutions and individuals in several areas pertaining to 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 15th 2017. You can view last year's awardees from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Ohio University, Arizona State University, Venturewell, The Burton D. Morgan Foundation and University of Massachusetts Lowell at <http://www.deshpandesymposium.org/awards/>.

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