

Extended Proposal submission deadline is Friday, February 3, 2023 Powerful Learners Convening on March 11, 2023

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#### **Overview**

We are planning to offer a variety of dynamic, engaging and thought-provoking workshops focusing on different strands related to our theme **Grounding in Our Purpose: Creating Spaces That Empower Educators and Students**. Gateway Impact's goal is to elevate the expertise and work of the educators in our local educational ecosystem. The Powerful Learners Convening will provide a space for educators to share knowledge, mindsets and practices that promote the growth and empowerment of our youth.

Each proposal will be carefully considered by a committee of reviewers, and workshops will be selected according to several criteria, specifically with an eye toward creating a robust, diverse convening agenda that will appeal to the range of participants who will be in attendance. Upon approval of your proposal, you will be paired with a planning committee member or Gateway staff member to be a thought partner in preparation for your workshop and to discuss benefits that we will offer as a token of our appreciation for your time and service.

### **2023 Powerful Learners Convening RFP Process and Guidelines**

Presenting at the Powerful Learners Convening is a unique opportunity to showcase your best practices and expertise to a local and growing audience of education influencers working in nonprofits, schools, colleges and for-profit organizations who are all committed to empowering students. **Proposal submissions are due by Friday, February 3, 2023.** 



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Please submit your workshop proposal with the understanding and commitment to the timeline below.

## **RFP Timeline Overview**

Request for Proposals Opens	December 5, 2022
Initial Submissions Deadline	January 20, 2023
RFP Committee Review	January 23-27, 2023
EXTENDED Submission Deadline	February 3, 2023
Selection Notifications	February 7, 2023
Presenter Confirmation Submit headshots, bios and session objectives	February 9, 2023
Presenter Thought Partnership/Coaching	February 9- 17, 2023
Agenda and Breakout Schedule Confirmed	February 17, 2023
Final Session Documents Due Slides, handouts, etc	February 24, 2023
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## **Convening Overview & Proposal Review Process**

Gateway Impact and the Powerful Learners Convening Steering Committee invite you to celebrate and honor our shared commitment to educating future generations with our experience and expertise. The theme of this year's convening is **Grounding in Our Purpose: Creating Space that Empowers Educators and Students**.

Our goal is for all participants to leave with actionable information and to create a culture and community of continuous learning that is an extension of our commitment to reimagine our responsibilities to students, educators and families.

Interactive Workshops should:

- Provide attendees with tangible tools and best practices
- Connect to work of schools serving San Francisco/Bay Area communities and those similar (Note: workshops that promote a product or organization, or describe a program model absent of a broader context will not be considered)
- Cater to new, mid, and/or senior level professionals within educational, social, and historical landscapes impacting youth, especially youth of color and those with differentiated learning needs.

All proposals will be reviewed by members of the 2023 Steering Committee based on the following criteria and in relation to a pre-developed rubric. Criteria for consideration include:

- **Relevance:** Is the topic highly relevant to our field, the convening theme, objectives and audience?
- **Objectives:** Are the objectives clear? Can they be met in the time allowed?
- **Delivery/Engagement:** Does the proposed presentation delivery methods incorporate differentiated learning modalities (auditory, visual, kinesthetic, etc.)? Does the presentation provide sufficient opportunities for audience engagement? Does it provide tangible takeaways?
- **Applicability:** Can the workshop information be used or applied by attendees across roles, in a variety of educational settings? If not, is it clear how the intended audience of the San Francisco Bay Area benefits from attending the interactive



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workshop? Does it build on foundational knowledge that is part of the Gateway Impact Teacher Fellowship and/or Gateway Impact Communities of Practice (CoP)?

# **Workshop Expectations**

We encourage proposals that are focused on best practices and current research toward serving our focal student populations and communities while remaining relevant to the convening theme and broader values of Gateway Impact.

#### Content

Workshops must meet at least one Convening objective:

- 1. Uplift Diverse Voices and Educator Expertise
- 2. Build Connection
- 3. Collectively Reimagine the Possibilities for our students and communities

Workshops should align with at least one of the Convening strands:

- 1. Adolescent Development and Trauma-Informed Practices
- 2. Anti-Racist Teaching
- 3. Differentiated and Inclusive Practices
- 4. Social Emotional Learning
- 5. Wellness and Self-Care

## **Presentation Logistics**

- Upon acceptance of a proposal, all presenters must submit an agenda using the template provided with all completed components.
- While not required, we welcome and encourage proposals that feature multiple presenters, especially those that represent multiple perspectives and identities.
- Workshop sessions would be interactive and engaging, offer best practices
  that can be applied, and could include multiple presenters representing
  different organizations, schools and/or institutions. All sessions will be 60-90
  minutes (ex. 5 min intro, 50-60 minutes interactive content, 15 min Q&A, 10
  mins thank you & survey).



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# **Presenter Expectations**

By submitting a proposal, I understand that, if accepted:

- I, and my co-presenters, will register for the convening and commit to attending the in-person if selected. Gateway Impact will communicate presenter benefits (ie. registration waiver and compensation for time) upon notification of proposal acceptance.
- Submission of a proposal implies commitment to deliver the interactive workshop as described in the proposal, in-person in San Francisco, California.
- My proposal demonstrates a commitment to providing tangible takeaways that attendees can bring back to their work in a variety of professional and educational settings. It also connects to the Powerful Learners Convening Objectives.
- All materials for my presentation must be submitted to Gateway Impact by Friday, February 24, 2023. My handouts must match the accepted proposal.
- Any recordings, materials, photos, etc. taken of me and/or my session during the convening may be used on the Gateway Impact website or in marketing materials.
- Gateway Impact's Powerful Learners Convening may promote my workshop presentation on social media (including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Linkedin) leading up to, during, and after the convening.
- Gateway Impact will provide you support regarding best practices for presentations if your presentation is selected.

## **Link to RFP Application**

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