



Learning Lab Session Proposal Guidelines

About the Learning Lab

The Thrive Learning Lab is an exciting classroom experience located in the Quad—the central hub of the conference, where solutions-driven organizations merge with educator-originated ideas and so much more. These sessions provide a platform for educators to pitch innovative ideas in real time and receive targeted feedback from a panel of expert mentors and peers. Our goal is to foster dynamic exchanges between presenters and mentors, helping ideas evolve and strengthen. This isn't about presenting a flawless concept—it's about refining promising initiatives through collaboration. If you've tested something new in your school over the past 1–5 years and want fresh perspectives, this is your chance to grow your vision!

Each session includes:

- 30-minute pitch: Present a new or evolving program, from curricular innovations (like artificial intelligence, virtual reality, or student wellness initiatives) to structural changes (like teacher residencies, alternative revenue streams, or rethinking schedules). Last year's Learning Lab sessions ranged in topics from a new course on decentralized finance to a brain-based assessment that allowed for more personalized learning.
- 20-minute feedback: Engage in clarifying questions and discussion with a panel of education experts in your field.
- 15-minute audience interaction: Field questions from the audience to discuss ways to apply your idea across various contexts.

Keep in mind the following requirements as you prepare your proposal for a Learning Lab session (60 minutes):

- Description (500-word limit): Please explain your idea in detail. Give us the who, what, why, where, and when of your concept. Include why this idea is new and unique. Also, consider telling us how much funding you have needed or anticipate needing for your idea. How scalable is your idea? What limitations have you encountered (or do you anticipate)? If you've implemented your idea, what have you learned thus far and how do you hope your idea will grow or evolve? If you've already launched your idea, give us a rundown of the timeline. If you have yet to launch it, include how you're planning to roll it out.

- Conference Program Abstract (100-word limit): Think of this as your elevator pitch. In 100 words or fewer, what are you proposing? Make this concise, informative, and compelling.
- Areas of Desired Feedback (3 items, ~100 words each): Tell us three areas where you'd like feedback on your idea and why.
- Timeline: In which phase is your idea?
Drop-down option with
 - Pre-Launch
 - 1-2 years post-launch
 - 3-5 years post-launch
 - Other (open response to tell us more context)
- Who do you believe would make good expert mentors? List their names, titles, and organizations.
- Facilitation Experience and Biographies
- CV Upload (Optional)
- Target Audience (20-word limit)
- What school division does this workshop target? Choose all that apply:
 - lower school
 - middle school
 - upper school
- Agenda Outline: Include a working outline of how your 30 minutes will unfold. Include time estimates for each portion.
- Special Notes: Indicate any considerations not already included in your proposal.
- Does this workshop involve legal issues? Yes/No
- Would you be interested in participating or volunteering for any other conference programming?
 - Yes/No/Maybe