

Call for Sessions 2019

For AITF's Tenth Anniversary Annual Conference

The Anchor Institutions Task Force (AITF) is announcing our call for sessions to take place at our upcoming Tenth Anniversary Annual Conference on October 24 & 25 in New York City. These concurrent sessions will take place during the morning (10am Eastern) on October 25. AITF conferences bring together leaders and partners representing anchor institutions of varying types (i.e. colleges and universities, hospitals, arts institutions, government, and philanthropy) to discuss how anchor institutions can make greater contributions to neighborhoods, municipalities, and regions.

AITF is an action-oriented learning community, which addresses how collaborative, place-based initiatives involving anchor institutions can reduce disparities and expand opportunities in areas such as education, economic development, and health. AITF is values-based, promoting a commitment to place, democracy and democratic practice, partnership and collaboration, equity and social justice. AITF is particularly interested in showcasing and learning from anchor partnerships that have pursued equitable approaches to development.

Concurrent sessions will address the role of particular anchor institutions in community and economic development in their localities. We are especially interested in sessions that will demonstrate how anchor institutions, *working across different fields*, are collaborating to address important pressing matters in their local communities.

Proposed sessions should highlight collaborative strategies involving anchor institutions representing two or more fields (i.e. higher education, health care, government) and the successes, challenges, and future prospects of these initiatives. Session proposals should include:

- The name of the collaborative anchor initiative
- The participants in the initiative
- The founding date of the initiative
- The location of the initiative
- The issues the initiative has been addressing
- How the initiative upholds AITF values (a commitment to place, democracy, collaboration, social justice and equity) and considers equitable development and racial equity
- One or more accomplishments of the initiative to date



- One or more valuable lessons conference participants can learn from the initiative
- The proposed session format (i.e. a panel, a discussion, etc.)
- Proposed speakers for the session
- A contact person with an email address

Session proposals should not exceed two pages.

Please submit your proposals to: dmaurasse@margainc.com by **May 31, 2019**

Contact persons for selected sessions will be notified by July 8, 2019.