



Land Grant Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium

June 4-6, 2008

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The First Annual Land Grant Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium

The First Annual Land Grant Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium (Land Grant YES) will be hosted by The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development at The Pennsylvania State University, June 4-6, 2008, in State College, Pennsylvania. Land Grant YES will bring educators and program leaders from eastern U.S. states together for a face-to-face symposium focused on youth entrepreneurship best practices, research findings, and future program development.

The goals of this symposium are threefold: 1) to develop and expand social capital among the educators in this area through the formation of a more formal workgroup structure; 2) to frame a “breakthrough” project in the area of youth entrepreneurship, that can be collaboratively developed by members of this group, and 3) to add value to the youth component of the eXtension Communities of Practice (COP) project on Entrepreneurs and their Communities.

Conference Registration: Conference registration will be \$50 per person. This fee includes the cost of all meals during the event. To register, please visit <http://nercrd.psu.edu/Entrepreneurship/YESymposiumRegistration.html>. The conference will be hosted by the Days Inn Penn State: <http://www.lioncountrylodging.com/daysinn/index.php> The hotel will accept registrations for the symposium at the reduced rate of \$95 (plus tax) up to Wednesday, April 30, 2008. Reservations can be made by calling (814) 238-8454 or (800) 258-3297; please mention conference registration code CGNEST when registering.

Travel Support: A limited amount of travel support will be available, up to \$500, with priority given to those who would otherwise be unable to attend the symposium and whose paper or curriculum are accepted for presentation. Funds will be distributed equitably across the northeast region.



Symposium Format:

Day 1 (Half Day): Conference will begin early afternoon. Afternoon sessions will provide a forum for participants to develop working relationships with one another and to build momentum around a shared vision for Land Grant Youth Entrepreneurship. We will begin to develop a common base of knowledge, through the sharing of our applied research, curriculum and program overviews & outcomes. Presentations will involve dialogue and questions, as well as information sharing.

Day 2 (Full Day): In the morning, we will continue the sharing of our applied research, curriculum and program overviews & outcomes. The afternoon will involve a facilitated innovation session. The goal of this session is to frame a strategy and high level plan for a collaborative land grant work group in the area of youth entrepreneurship. We will identify and explore “breakthrough” projects in the area of youth entrepreneurship, which can be collaboratively developed by members of this group, and can add value to the youth component of the eXtension Communities of Practice (COP) project.

Day 3 (Half Day): In the morning, symposium participants will have an open invitation to participate in the development of concrete action plans and next steps around the results of the symposium and the innovation session. The meeting will conclude by noon.

Call for Papers

The Land Grant YES 2008 Executive Committee welcomes proposals for the following types of presentations:

- Applied Research (Posters and Paper Presentations)
- Curriculum Overviews & Outcomes
- Program Overviews & Outcomes

Accepted papers and/or curriculum presentations will be included in a peer reviewed publication of web-based proceedings of this symposium, via eXtension and the NERCRD web site.

Abstracts for posters and presentations are due by April 22, 2008. The length of the abstract should be no more than 350 words. In the abstract you should specify the title of your presentation, all authors, their affiliation and geographic location. Each abstract should provide a clear description of the topic, key research questions or program/curriculum objectives, and substantive results expected. Submit your abstracts to The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development at nercrd@psu.edu (or mail to The Center: 7 Armsby Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802-5602) by the April 22, 2008 deadline. Participants will be notified if their abstract has been accepted no later than May 1, 2008. At this time, presentation formats will be specified.



Youth Entrepreneurship Co-chairs and Symposium Planning Committee

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