

5th Annual Georgia College Women's Leadership Conference **Leading Change: Do Less, Be More**

Request for Conference Proposals

The Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Programs, Office of Community Engagement and Service, Alumni Association, J. Whitney Bunting College of Business and Technology, and the Office of Inclusive Excellence are planning the 5th Annual Women's Leadership Conference for Friday, March 24, 2023.

In a world that seems uncertain, where individuals and organizations continue to process this "new normal" we live in and explore future possibilities, it can often feel like we're being asked to do more with less. What would it look like if instead we flipped this sentiment on its head and considered what we could do, who we could be, what we could achieve, if we focused on prioritizing doing the things that really matter to us? These are the questions behind this year's Georgia College Women's Leadership Conference theme *Leading Change: Do Less, Be More*

About the 2023 Conference

With this year's conference, we're zeroing in on the things that allow for us to be more - more creative, more authentic, more aligned with our goals, more [insert whatever it is that you're striving for here].

This year's conference will be in-person with the option to stream our keynote session.

Coinciding with Women's History Month, the Women's Leadership Conference gives participants the opportunity to explore their leadership. The conference incorporates students, staff, alumni, faculty and community members as speakers and presenters in order to give our participants access to a wide variety of experience and knowledge. The content engages our participants in critical thought around their role as a leader to create meaningful change. Some topics we hope to see addressed include: living authentically, prioritizing what matters, leading innovatively or creatively, exploring your passion, making time for deep work, living intentionally, setting boundaries, and enhancing your quality of life through a focus on well-being, mental health, and wellness.

Additionally, we are seeking proposals that include strong takeaways for participants, show awareness of diverse experiences and intersectionality, inspire action, provide resources, build connections and community amongst participants.

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We continue to seek proposals that are inspired by the Social Change Model of Leadership. We are seeking program presenters who can help foster learning and discovery around the three focal areas and seven C's of leadership development:

- Individual Values
 - Consciousness of Self and Others

- Congruence
- Commitment
- Group Process Values
 - Collaboration
 - Common Purpose
 - Controversy with Civility
- Community/Society Values
 - Citizenship

This year, as our conference will be in-person, we are seeking proposals that will excel at engaging participants through in-person presentation pedagogies including:

50-minute interactive sessions and workshops: This type of session includes audience participation and active learning. This type of session should provide participants with the opportunity to actively engage with the content, receive tangible action-oriented strategies, apply ideas to their own lives, and/or develop new skills and leadership insights.

50-minute panel or roundtable: This type of session includes a discussion between 3 or more presenters. A moderator may be used. Discussions could be rooted in developing a deeper understanding of a specific topic, hearing differing perspectives around a theme, or fostering dialogue and networking around a common theme.

Successful proposals will provide evidence of how facilitators will:

- Address the conference theme of Leading Change: Do Less, Be More.
- Address one of the focus areas of the Social Change Model of Leadership – self-discovery, group dynamics, or community.
- Engage participants in active, experiential, and/or collaborative learning.
- Address the needs of women* across contexts, including the workplace, community, school.
- Be inclusive and relevant to participants of diverse backgrounds and experiences.

* While centering the experiences of individuals who identify as women, attendance at the Women’s Leadership Conference is open to all students, alumni, professionals, and community members, including individuals of all gender identities.

We would love for you to be able to share with our conference attendees and help them in their development as leaders on our campus or in their community. It is so beneficial for our participants to hear from powerful, dynamic, and influential leaders like yourself. We would be truly thrilled to have you involved!

[Please click here to access the proposal submission form.](#)