



# CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

## 19th Annual STEP Statewide Student Conference

March 24, 2017 to March 26, 2017 Albany Marriott ~ Albany, New York

Hosted by the New York State Education Department and Syracuse University

**The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)** is comprised of 54 colleges and universities across New York State, and one of its many purposes is to introduce students to practical experience in the scientific, technical, and health-related fields, and to prepare students for the rigors of college and beyond. Over 400 students and 125 program directors/advisors regularly attend the conference. Do not miss the opportunity to share valuable information in a forum that allows access to students and staff across New York State who helped to garner the *2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentorship (PAESMEM)*! More information about this award winning program may be found on the New York State Education Department's website at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/kiap/step> or [www.stepforleaders.org](http://www.stepforleaders.org)

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

This year's STEP Conference will emphasize the importance of planning ahead, being persistent, and staying focused. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: *academic achievement, preparation for college, technology etiquette (i.e., cell phone, e-mail and social networks), financial literacy, peer pressure (bullying), self-esteem, internships, student responsibility, leadership skills, communication skills, setting goals, time and stress management, and personal success.* Workshops will take place on either **Friday, March 24, 2017** or **Saturday, March 26, 2017**, with each convening for **75 minutes**.

### SPECIFICATIONS FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS & **ONLINE** SUBMISSION PROCESS

Workshop proposals should: (1) be relevant to the conference theme and student population (middle and high school students); (2) **not exceed 150 words in length**; (3) be **submitted electronically** by **Friday, January 20, 2017** (refer to the link listed below); and (4) be submitted as an abstract that includes the presenter's name, co-presenter's name, mailing address, work telephone number, home telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, business or academic affiliation, workshop title, and a list of needed audio-visual equipments (e.g. overhead projector, LCD projector, easel/flip chart, microphone, TV or VCR). *The conference does not provide laptops or iPads. Workshop presenters are responsible for bringing their own laptops or iPads.* **Proposals mailed, emailed or faxed to Syracuse University will not be considered for this year's conference.**

\*\*\*Presenters should submit a [maximum of TWO workshop proposals](#) for review and consideration by the 2017 STEP Statewide Student Conference Planning Committee.

**To complete the registration process and to submit your workshop abstract, please copy or paste into your browser the link below and follow the instructions on the website:**

[2017 Workshop Proposals Link](#)

\*\*Selected workshop presenters will receive hotel accommodations, meals, and an honorarium.\*\*

*\*\*Note: This does not apply to STEP Program Administrators.*

PROPOSALS are DUE by **January 20, 2017** with *electronic notification* to be received by **February 17, 2017**.

**For more information, please contact:**

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