

Call for Proposals
Encouraging Student Scholarship: Learning to Write in the Digital Age
Wheaton College, January 16 – 18, 2009



Deadline for submission of proposals: November 7, 2008

Notification of acceptance: November 15, 2008

Conference registration deadline: November 21, 2008

This conference looks at the impact of technology on students' research, scholarly writing, and publication. NITLE invites faculty members, directors and staff members of writing centers, instructional technologists, and librarians at [participating colleges](#) to submit proposals for presentations that explore how they have encouraged student scholarship. We especially seek presentations that present techniques used, as well as lessons learned (both successes and failures) in a variety of disciplines. We also invite those who are interested in contributing to the planning of the program, e.g., by reviewing proposals, to submit their names. Proposals should be [submitted electronically](#) and are due by Friday, November 7, 2008.

Possible areas of focus for proposals include:

- The intersection of technology and the research process, e.g., wide availability of primary sources, new digital tools for research, maintaining the rigor of research methods with online research
- Scholarly writing within the disciplines, e.g., writing about scientific research, undergraduate research initiatives, senior capstones or theses
- Supporting student scholarship, e.g., role of the writing center, library, faculty, research offices, etc., and effective partnerships
- Presentation and publication, e.g., digital alternatives to the traditional academic paper

Suggestions for other topics in these or related areas are welcome and may be sent to Rebecca Davis at rebecca.davis@nitle.org.

Session Formats

Proposals should suggest one - or more - of the following formats as appropriate for the topic. During the conference, moderators will introduce and close each presentation or panel session on time, distribute handouts, and facilitate questions from the audience.

Presentation Sessions (1 – 2 presenters): 60 – 75 minutes

Proposals for presentations of this length should include both a narrative of the project/program being described and lessons learned that would be useful to another campus interested in a similar project or program.

Workshop Sessions (1 – 2 workshop leaders): 60 – 120 minutes

We would welcome a proposal for a short workshop that would enable participants to learn a new skill relating to the incorporation of digital technology into student scholarship or to develop a plan for incorporating such technology.

Panel Presentation: 10 – 15 minutes

We encourage participants to submit proposals for briefer presentations on specific projects or good ideas that may be combined with those of other participants to facilitate comparisons of programs, discussion of trends, and focus on approaches to broader issues that campuses face in encouraging student scholarship. Panels will be composed to promote interaction among panelists and the audience.

Submission and Review of Proposals

Proposals should be submitted online at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UjyVMuQUQw16fIV_2byggNBw_3d_3d by **November 7, 2008**. Please direct questions about the proposal process to Rebecca Davis at rebecca.davis@nitle.org.

You will be asked for the following information:

- A simple and descriptive title for your proposed session
- A description of 300 or fewer words that explains the central idea of your session
- The type of session you are proposing: presentation, workshop, or panel.
- A brief description of your target audience: who will benefit from participating in the session you propose?
- Name, title, institution, address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address for each session presenter. (You are welcome to submit a proposal for presentation by more than one individual, either from your own institution or another institution participating in the NITLE Network.)

Acceptance

Proposals will be reviewed and accepted based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of the session title and description
- Significance and relevance of the topic to the conference theme and program
- Perceived benefits for conference participants

The results of the review process will be provided to submitters no later than November 15, 2008.

Important note about conference registration

Respondents to this call and others interested in participating in this event should register by November 21, 2008. (Please consult your institution's liaison to NITLE, who will be able to advise you on your institution's policy for participating in NITLE events.) Registration is currently open and managed on a first-come, first-served basis; the registration fee is 7 program units. NITLE is a not-for-profit organization, and the financial viability of its events depends upon the registrations of all participants, including all presenters. Only the names of officially registered participants will appear in the conference program.

Location

This conference will take place at Wheaton College, a four-year, private liberal arts college located in Norton, Massachusetts, between Boston and Providence, R.I.