

Call for Proposals

10th Annual UNC Teaching & Learning with Technology Conference *Teaching Towards Tomorrow*

Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center, Durham, NC **March 16-18, 2009**

North Carolina is Teaching Towards Tomorrow . . . and Tomorrow is NOW!

The theme, Teaching Towards Tomorrow, focuses on diverse initiatives, strategic connections, and creative visions for teaching and learning with technology. Across North Carolina, stakeholders are increasingly interested in sharing best practices, new perspectives and innovations to effectively prepare students for tomorrow's world. As we engage future generations of learners, we are finding important and exciting new resources to prepare students to thrive in a world where tools for learning, information-sharing, knowledge development and knowledge management evolve rapidly. The 10th Annual UNC TLT Conference will highlight new ideas and collaborations in teaching and learning with technology.

We are calling all practitioners, developers and innovators across North Carolina to submit proposals sharing experiences with teaching and learning in tomorrow's world through thought-provoking presentations, active demonstrations, and engaging conversations. We enthusiastically invite submissions that showcase TLT findings and work in progress from faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, and students who would like to share their knowledge and expertise with colleagues. This year's conference addresses teaching and learning interdependencies by adding a K-20 Collaboration track. Proposals about UNC collaborative work, including projects that involve educational, non-profit, commercial, or government organizations, are encouraged. We welcome submissions from non-UNC institutions.

Preference is given to proposals for sessions that:

- promote effective and innovative teaching and learning practices
- emphasize collaborative approaches
- provide useful information, skills, or ideas
- demonstrate active TLT leadership
- actively engage participants
- are consistent with the conference theme, Teaching Towards Tomorrow

Conference participants include professionals from academic departments, libraries, and teaching and learning centers, as well as those involved with instructional design, distance education, instructional technology, faculty development, information technology, and more!

The UNC TLT Conference, co-sponsored by the UNC TLT Collaborative and the UNC Faculty Assembly, provides a statewide forum to network and exchange information about the effective use of technology for teaching and learning. This annual event emphasizes timely topics of particular interest to UNC campuses from effective current practices to emerging technologies

*The term **TLT** refers to teaching methods and learning environments that incorporate instructional and library-based technologies, whether face-to-face or online.*

Teaching Towards Tomorrow Conference Tracks

The **Research** Track explores tools and methods of TLT process improvement, including assessment and evaluation, and contributions of research to the scholarship of teaching and learning.

The **Distance Education** Track examines current issues and policies pertinent to online learning and distance instruction, instructional systems design, support of faculty and students, and student recruitment and retention.

The **Instructional Design and Pedagogy** Track addresses the development and delivery of effective and innovative learning materials, courses, and programs in technology-rich teaching and learning environments.

The **Libraries** Track addresses topics of interest to librarians, including legal and open access issues, library/faculty collaboration, and the unique teaching needs of library instructors.

The **Tools** Track investigates developments in software and/or hardware pertaining to TLT, multimedia, emerging technologies, and specific tools and applications such as handhelds and learning management systems.

The **K-20 Collaboration** Track highlights partnerships and collaborations between UNC and other communities, such as K-12 institutions, the NC Community College System, and private universities.

Complete conference information, including the proposal submission form and instructions, proposal guidelines, and descriptions of session types, can be found at the conference website <http://conference.unctlt.org/>

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Proposal Submission Overview

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Session Types include panel discussions, roundtable discussions, hands-on workshops, formal presentations, and demonstrations. Session lengths are 90 minutes for workshops, and 30 or 50 minutes for other session types.

We strongly encourage sessions that actively engage participants in innovative ways. Presenters might have participants post to a discussion board, read an article, listen to a podcast, or watch pre-recorded viewpoints prior to attending the session. The possibilities are endless!

If there are any requirements for the participants – bringing a laptop, reading materials in advance, participating in a prior online discussion – please make these requirements clear in the session description.

When submitting your proposal online, you will be required to select one of the **Conference Tracks**. The tracks help participants find sessions of interest to them. You will also have the opportunity to select topics, which provide a structure for categorizing and storing TLT resources for easy retrieval by keyword searches.

The **Collaborative Café** is an online tool to assist you to identify and establish connections with others who have similar interests. We strongly encourage prospective presenters to collaborate in developing proposals by joining the Collaborative Café (<http://conference.unctlt.org/proposals/cafe.php>).

To use the Café, submit your presentation idea and indicate what kind of collaboration you would like. You can:

- request panelists or identify co-presenters
- refine and develop your presentation idea
- gather handouts or other supplemental materials
- ask for examples for specific content

Conference Proceedings are planned for distribution after the conference, and will be available from the TLT Conference website. All participants are encouraged to submit their work for inclusion in the proceedings. Information on submitting content for the proceedings will be available on the conference website in the Spring.

Conference Registration

Conference registration will be available later in the academic year; please watch the conference website for details. **All participating presenters and co-presenters must pay the appropriate registration fees.** Fees and policies will be posted on the conference website when they are finalized. Conference/workshop materials and selected meals will be provided.

Hotel Information

If you require hotel accommodations, we recommend that you make your reservation at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center as soon as possible, but no later than **February 23, 2009**, when the room block reservation expires. Reservations can be made by calling 919.941.5050 or 800.325.3535 or online at

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0808113556&key=27D12>

In order to receive the conference rate, (\$115.00 single, \$127.00 double) mention that you are with the UNC TLT Conference, if making your reservation by phone.

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