

# Forging Ahead

Thursday, October 9 & Friday, October 10

Conference Center @ OCLC

6600 Kilgour Place, Dublin, Ohio

## CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

OCTEO extends an invitation to institutions of higher education, P12 districts and schools, professional associations, state and regional personnel, and others to submit proposals to offer concurrent sessions at the 2025 Fall Conference. This year's theme – "**Forging Ahead**" – reflects the goal to maintain rigor and consistency amidst the changing landscape and legislation in Ohio teacher preparation.

Concurrent sessions will be held on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, October 9 & 10. Each presentation should involve a combination of presentation and discussion. OCTEO seeks proposals focusing on the conference theme but will consider submissions focused on other similar or adjacent topics.

Applicants should consider the key elements of the theme in designing their proposal:

"Forging" - The act of creating and shaping something new through intense effort and transformative processes. We invite proposals that explore the *forging* of ideas, collaborations, technologies, or artistic expressions, examining how innovation arises from the confluence of diverse elements and the challenges overcome in its creation.

"Ahead" - Signifying progress, advancement, and looking towards the future. We seek proposals that explore how we can move *ahead* in teacher preparation, addressing emerging challenges, identifying opportunities, and charting a course for future success

### PROPOSAL OUTLINE

- 1) Title of presentation.
- 2) Name, institutional affiliation, phone number, and email address of all presenters.
- 3) Full description of the proposal (350 words) including:
  - A brief description of what you expect participants to learn;
  - An explanation of how you plan to structure your presentation (research presentation, discussion, hands-on demonstration);
  - An explanation of how the proposed session will be useful for and adopted or adapted by participants.
- 4) Brief description of the presentation (approximately 25 words) to be used in the conference program (longer descriptions will be condensed)

*Submission window closes Friday, June 27, 2025, 5:00 p.m. EST  
Questions or problems with the submission please contact Robin Mis,  
OCTEO Conference Coordinator at [mis.rob77@gmail.com](mailto:mis.rob77@gmail.com)  
Proposers will be notified of acceptance by August 1, 2025*

Presentations should be planned for 50 minutes including time for discussion.  
Audience size is anticipated to be 10-30 participants per session.

**All presenters must register (and pay) for the conference or be a conference sponsor.**