



**17<sup>th</sup> Annual ACHEA Conference**  
**July 12-14, 2018**  
**Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**Port of Spain**  
**Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

**A CALL FOR PAPERS**

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**Conference Theme:**

***Embracing the Future: Creative Approaches to Higher Education***

**Overview**

Caribbean communities are facing challenging and uncertain socio-economic and political times and a future that will continue to evolve significantly within the next decade. Competition, rising tuition costs, diversity in student populations, workforce readiness, and government funding, are some of the issues confronting Higher Education. Organizational infrastructures and cultures that now exist for delivering higher education must therefore adapt to meet new realities. Now is the time to think outside the box, to be creative and resourceful as Higher Education Institutions embrace opportunities, while simultaneously making relevant adjustments to internal and external operations. At ACHEA 2018 new models, trends, and innovative strategies will be explored in response to the socio-economic and political challenges that lay ahead.

*“Challenges are universal, but responses need to be local.”*

Joseph Zolner, Senior Director of the  
Harvard Institutes for Higher Education

**Sub-Themes**

ACHEA invites papers which take into consideration the conference theme and address the following sub-themes:

- **Creativity and Innovation in Managing Teaching and Learning** – New technologies present opportunities for partnerships in leading innovation in teaching, learning and workforce preparedness for all learners and to make learning spaces work.

- **The Student Experience: Removing the Barriers** – How can higher education institutions meet the needs of current and future students in a highly competitive market? How can they promote social justice, diversity, inclusion and retention and collaborate for the achievement of all student populations?
- **Show me the money: Financing Higher Education** – Doing more with less presents an opportunity to partner for innovation and creativity in financing higher education. Let's get an inside look at budgeting.
- **Libraries for the Future: Succeeding in a Digital Age** – Changes and challenges present opportunities for innovation in a digital environment and for creating new partnerships.
- **Quality Assurance: Fulfilling the Mandate** – How can higher education institutions implement creative quality enhancement approaches for systemic change in Higher Education and meet international standards for Registration, Recognition and Accreditation?
- **Governance and Leadership: Confronting Challenges in Uncertain Times** – Leading change and innovation with accountability, autonomy and increased responsiveness while planning for a sustainable future.
- **Power Up: Engaging, Nurturing and Uplifting Employees through Change and Disruption** – Creative approaches to managing health and wellness, performance, promotion and tenure.
- **Calm After the Storm: Rebuilding and Retooling After Natural Disasters** – Facilities management and disaster management and recovery in times of uncertainty.

## Selection Process

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of higher education professionals and members of the ACHEA Executive.

## Submission Details

Proposals for papers should include the following:

- Presentation Title
- Presenter's Name(s) and Affiliation
- Sub-theme
- An abstract no longer than 300 words which includes:
  - Key issues to be addressed
  - Objective and scope of the presentation
  - Relevance to the conference theme
  - Type of research: survey, case study, historical analysis, theoretical exposition, exploratory paper
  - Impact of the work and in particular, how Caribbean HEIs can benefit from the research/presentation
- Language: English

The final paper should adhere to the following:

- Length: At least 5 pages (excluding works cited/references)
- Spacing: 1.5 lines
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 point
- Margins: 2 inches
- Word Citation Style: APA

## Deadline for Submission of Abstract and Final Papers

Submission of Abstracts: February 2, 2018

Notification of Acceptance of Abstract: March 2, 2018

Full papers completed and submitted: June 1, 2018

Submit Abstracts and Papers to: [cfp@acheacaribbean.org](mailto:cfp@acheacaribbean.org)

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