Proposals Selection Criteria

The 1st Hispanic Virtual Congress strives to facilitate the delivery of a thought-provoking, motivating online conference representing the multiple perspectives and diverse experience of the academic community and others engaged in distance/online learning and technology as these relate to Hispanic higher education, cross cultural communication and cultural diversity.

In order to facilitate contents for the proposed tracks and topics of the Virtual Congress, the Proposal Selection Committee will select the most competitive proposals for presenting research papers, project reviews, best practices, case studies, and multimedia presentations (e.g. power point, flash, XML, PDF, etc.) among all those submissions received for each of the tracks suggested in the Call for Proposals.

The specific criteria used to evaluate all submissions are:

1. The relevance and appropriateness of topic in the context of the Hispanic Virtual Congress themes (e.g. relevance for replication/adaptation, lessons learned). (30 points)
2. The quality of the topic content (e.g. recognized best practice, forward-looking thinking, and innovative approach). (20 points)
3. Precise and clear description of the proposal. (10 points)
4. Strategy to attract and involve the audience throughout the presentation, as appropriate (e.g. electronic forum, chat, power point presentation). (20 points)
5. Expertise of the presenter in the area proposed to be addressed (using the bio statement required in the submission of proposals). (20 points)

The Committee will make the final selection of proposals trying to maintain a balance in perspectives across the five proposed tracks, a balance across the participants’ diverse levels of interests, expertise and views (research; and the types of institutions, language of presentations, and geographic areas represented).

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