



# CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

Black Leadership and Academic Conference (B.L.A.C.)

December 2, 2017

The Downing Student Union, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

*Reclaiming Your Crown*

## **B.L.A.C. MISSION/VISION**

The mission of the Black Leadership and Academic Conference (B.L.A.C.) is to increase retention and graduation rates, foster personal and professional growth, and increase knowledge of the problems and concerns that affect Western Kentucky University minority students.

The vision of the Black Leadership and Academic Conference (B.L.A.C.) is to have an improved academic and leadership performance, and overall quality of life for the minority student at WKU.

## **CONFERENCE THEME**

This year's theme of *Reclaiming Your Crown* focuses on bringing awareness to past and current influencers of color, to assist students as they try to navigate through an unjust world, and strives to equip students to be leaders of tomorrow.

## **PROPOSALS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR A BROAD VARIETY OF TOPICS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Networking
- Resume Building
- Life after College
- Professionalism
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Personal Branding
- Financial planning
- Mental health in the black community
- Applying/financing for graduate school
- Study broad
- How to be a better leader in an organization
- Social media etiquette
- Campus/Academic resources
- Intrapersonal Skills (working well with others)
- Black masculinity/Femininity
- How to keep yourself motivated

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Workshops are 60 minutes in length, and the topic presented should be in line with the conference's mission, purpose or theme. We encourage that the presentation is interactive and focus on participant engagement. Audience size will range from 15 to 25 participants. Faculty, staff and students must submit a 150-400 word abstract identifying the intended strand and format for the proposed session, at least two learning outcomes, and session design. Please also include audio/visual and presentation needs (e.g. Powerpoint, monitors, flip chart, markers, etc.), presentation title and speaker bio. Presenters are responsible for their own computer. Student presenters must register for the conference.

Proposals are due Sunday, November 12, 2017 and can be submitted via email to [blac@wku.edu](mailto:blac@wku.edu) with Presentation Proposal in the subject line, or be submitted online at <http://www.wku.edu/blac/proposals.php>

### **Presentation Time Preference (you may select to present more than once)**

10:00am-11:00am

11:15am-12:15pm

2:15pm-3:15pm

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Proposal submission deadline: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Notification of Acceptance: Friday, November 17, 2017

Notify Conference of Intent to Present: Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Date of Presentation: Saturday, December 2, 2017

**To register or for more information, please visit:  
[www.wku.edu/blac](http://www.wku.edu/blac)**