



Academy for Teacher Excellence Research Center  
2020 Summer Bridging Institute  
**Call for Proposals**



The Academy for Teacher Excellence Research Center (ATE) at The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Bridging Institute (SBI) virtually on July 14-16 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day. We would like to invite you to submit a proposal to present a session. Proposals will be peer-reviewed and you will be notified of proposal selection by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Non-UTSA employees will receive a \$150.00 stipend for their participation.

SBI provides an opportunity for teacher candidates and educators to learn, create, and exchange knowledge with a professional community of learners. The focus of SBI this year will be on being culturally efficacious and lifelong growers continually seeking to increase our pedagogical knowledge and skills as educators. Sessions will align with themes designed to support the culturally efficaciousness and lifelong development of educators in the following ways:

- Educators will develop strategies that can be implemented to stimulate, guide, and build the capacity of ethnically and linguistically diverse student populations.
- Educators will collaborate, share, and implement what they have learned in the sessions.
- Sessions will focus on connecting content with real world experiences, and guiding students to implement what they know.
- Educators will develop ideas to promote the teaching profession to align with college and career readiness standards.

Proposals submitted for the institute should align with one or more of the themes and should include ideas and effective strategies for creating engaging student-centered lessons. Presenters should develop their proposals with the following themes in mind:

- STEM
- Culturally Efficacious Practices
- Student Advocacy (Dual Lang., ESL, GT, SPED)
- Preparation for Additional Certification (Bilingual, ESL, & SPED)
- Instructional Technology
- Wellness and Self-care
- Interdisciplinary Instructional Designs
- Virtual Instruction
- Clinical Teacher Bridging to Classroom Teaching
- Teaching and Social Emotional Learning
- Professional Growth & Learning Plans (RTI, TELPAS, ELPS, GT)
- Special Education

**Application Requirements:**

- ✓ A session title
- ✓ An objective for the session
- ✓ A description of the session (300 words)
- ✓ **Proposals should be submitted to <https://bit.ly/39vKyEj> by Friday, May 22, 2020.**

The ATE SBI Peer-Review Selection Committee will select sessions based on the quality of the proposal and its ability to meet the focus of the institute. Presenters will be notified by email if their session is/is not selected. If your session is selected, it is the responsibility of the presenter(s) to participate at the institute and present the agreed upon session. If unforeseen circumstances arise which prevent the presenter(s) from participating at a scheduled session, it is the presenter's responsibility to notify Effie Mata or Claudia Garcia institute co-chairs.

**Institute Details:**

1. Sessions will be held virtually. Platform will be determined. Presenters will be required to use their personal computers or mobile devices for their presentations. All sessions will be 1-hour sessions.
2. A stipend of \$150 will be issued to the presenter for each session chosen for non-UTSA employees.
3. Presenters will be required to participate in a training on how to use the Virtual platform prior to the institute. Details regarding the training will be sent once your session is selected. Date: TBA (the week before SBI)
4. All session materials will be shared on the ATE eCommunity of Practice (eCofP). (PPT, Handouts, links). Presenters will be asked to provide the materials for their session no later than July 8<sup>th</sup>.

With questions regarding the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ATE SBI or the application, please contact Effie Mata at [effie.mata@utsa.edu](mailto:effie.mata@utsa.edu) or Claudia Garcia at [Claudia.garcia@utsa.edu](mailto:Claudia.garcia@utsa.edu).