

From: Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies <vpmccarthy@pitt.edu>
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Subject: Office of the Provost: 2022 ACCelerate Smithsonian Creativity and Innovation Festival -- DEADLINE EXTENDED

Dear Colleagues,

Please see below regarding an exciting opportunity for faculty, staff and students. We ask that you forward this call for submissions to any who may be interested.

The third ACCelerate Smithsonian Creativity and Innovation Festival will take place in Washington, D.C. on April 8-10th, 2022. The festival will be held at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. We are looking for exhibition-ready innovative projects to be showcased at the festival that embody the excellence of the University of Pittsburgh across disciplines. The festival will be a gathering of all institutions included in the Atlantic Coast Conference to celebrate creativity and innovation. In previous years the event has drawn over 30,000 visitors.

Learn about the 2019 festival here: <http://acceleratefestival.com/>

*Please note- Participants will be expected to travel to the Smithsonian to present their exhibit at the festival. All travel and transportation costs will be covered by The Office of the Provost.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit engaging and compelling projects with supporting media that demonstrate research and teaching impacts and have the potential to attract visitors. Projects can be submitted through an online survey. Projects will be evaluated based on completion/readiness and potential to actively engage the festival audience.

Submit your proposals using this Qualtrics survey: https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eSc8TZhpAKYjAY6

DEADLINE EXTENDED: The deadline for project consideration for the 2022 festival is Monday, July 12th, 2021.

For more information, contact Meghan Culpepper at msc80@pitt.edu .

Sincerely,
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