Call for Proposals University of California First-Year Best Practices Conference April 14-15, 2011 at UC Riverside

DEADLINE: Friday, January 21, 2011

Please submit a presentation proposal for the UC First-Year Best Practices Conference in one of the following areas:

- Using Research and Evaluation to Build Better Programs
- Engaging First-Year Students in Vibrant Co-curricular Programs
- Developing Academic-based Innovations

Registration: http://firstyear.ucr.edu/best_practices_conference.html

As part of our FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) grant, UC Riverside is hosting a UC First-Year Best Practices Conference for colleagues from UC campuses. The conference will provide an opportunity to share ideas, research, experiences, and strategies aimed at improving student success for new first-year freshmen and transfer students. Additionally, the conference will spotlight the FIPSE award winning UCR CHASS Connect first-year learning community model and research findings.

We invite faculty, staff, and administrators from UC campuses to be a part of this special opportunity to learn about innovative practices across UC campuses, and the current research focused on fostering student success among first-year students. The conference features a special plenary by George Kuh, Director, National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment and Chancellor's Professor Emeritus, Indiana University.

The conference will take place at UC Riverside, registration is free, however space is available on a first come first serve basis. Room accommodations have been made at the historic Mission Inn Hotel and Spa in downtown Riverside for participants who travel distances that require overnight lodging.

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