



FROM POVERTY TO PROSPERITY:
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: 2026

Turning **VISION** Into **IMPACT**,
Impact Into **ACTION**

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Call for Presentations

Submission Deadline: January 30, 2026 11:59PM ET

✨ Be Part of the Movement

The Inaugural From Poverty to Prosperity Summit is your opportunity to contribute to **national conversations and local solutions** that redefine what from poverty to prosperity looks like in our communities.

Together, we are not just imagining a better future — **we are building it.**

Questions?

If you have any questions or need assistance with the CFP, please contact us.

Email: info@dtenterprises.com or call +1 772-571-4428.

Submission Link:

https://form.jotform.com/Urban_Multisport/from-poverty-to-prosperity-leader

Conference Policies Conference

Registration is Required. If your submission is accepted, all listed presenters and co-presenters, including those later designated as chairs, are required to register and pay the published conference fees by the deadline noted in the acceptance email. Accepted submissions will not be scheduled until registration is complete. **Registration rates** vary according to student status, member status, and time of registration.

IMPORTANT: DTD Enterprises does not pay honoraria, reimburse expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, copying, poster production, etc.), or waive or discount conference registration fees for presenters or chairs.

Consent of Presenters. All participants listed in a proposal must give their consent to be part of the proposal prior to submission. It is the responsibility of the submitter to adhere to this rule for all individuals listed in the proposal. It is also the responsibility of the submitter to make sure participants are aware of the conference registration requirement (see above) prior to submitting.

Scheduling Requests. DTD Enterprises does not take scheduling requests. If you submit to the

conference, please be prepared to present at any time from the start of the conference through the conclusion. By submitting a proposal, submitters are confirming the availability of all presenting participants during the conference.

Rule of Two. All presenters may only appear on up to two submissions as presenters and up to two submissions as chairs. People who violate this policy create a lot of extra work for reviewers and the conference team who then have to weed out their excess submissions. Please be considerate. Please note, the only session type with “chair” as a role is panels. Do not enter the chair as a presenter. If accepted, you will be able to add them at that time.

Prepare Your Proposal

This guide will walk you through each submission question, step-by-step. We recommend gathering all of the information in a document file prior to submitting your proposal. This makes it easy to copy and paste and quickly go through the process once you are in the portal.

Step 1: Learn About the Review Process and Evaluation Questions

DTD Enterprises utilizes a 2-stage review process for its *From Poverty To Prosperity Leadership Summit*.

Stage One – Peer Review. Peer reviewers read and score each proposal on the evaluation questions listed below. This is a double-anonymous review. The call for peer reviewers will open on January 12, 2026.

Stage Two – Conference Chair(s)/ Program Chair(s) and DTD Enterprises Staff.

Recommendations from the stream leads are considered as the team pulls together a compelling overall program.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed based on:

- Relevance to Summit theme and tracks
- Clarity and strength of objectives
- Evidence-based or innovative approach
- Presenter expertise and lived experience
- Diversity of perspectives and representation
- Potential for engagement and impact

Pro Tip: Keep the review criteria in mind as you develop your proposal’s short and long description. Ask your own peers to evaluate what you’ve written using the above criteria and provide you with feedback to make the proposal stronger.

Step 2 Presenter Information (Required)

Note: The word presenter (or sometimes author in the submission platform's terms) is generic for presenter, panelist, host, facilitator, etc. If you are submitting a panel, do not enter your chair as a presenter. If accepted, you will be able to enter them at that time.

Please have the following information available for all presenters and co-presenters (including chairs as applicable) listed on your proposal. For the purposes of the proposal submission process, only enter those people who are planning to be at the session in person in Maryland. If accepted, you will be able to add non-attending co-authors at a later date.

- ✓ First and Last Name
- ✓ Job Title, Department (if applicable), and Organization.
- ✓ Best Email
- ✓ Best Phone Number
- ✓ Are you a student? Yes/No (Submitting Presenter Only)
- ✓ What best describes your career level? Early, Mid, Senior, Retired (Submitting Presenter Only)
- ✓ I agree to the policies as listed in the Call for Presentations Guide (Submitting Presenter Only)
- ✓ I understand that by submitting, I am agreeing to receive emails from DTD Enterprises. (Submitting Presenter Only)

Pro Tips: 1) Note the maximum number of presenters for each presentation type in the section below. 2) Make sure all the individuals listed on the submission consent to being included in the proposal and plan to attend the conference and understand that conference registration is required at the published rates.

Step 3: Proposal Title (100 characters max, including spaces) (Required)

Create a proposal title that accurately conveys your topic. Creativity is encouraged but not at the expense of clarity.

Pro Tip: Resist the urge to use the phrase "From Poverty To Prosperity" in your title.

Step 4: Select Your Streams (Required)

1. Policy Leadership & Systems Change

2. Next-Gen Leadership (College & Graduate Students)
3. Executive Leadership & Corporate Strategy
4. Cross-Sector Collaboration & Innovation

Step 5: Select Your Session Type/ Presentation Format (Required)

Please note: DTD Enterprises may offer you a conditional acceptance contingent upon changing your presentation format. For example, your submission could be accepted as a presentation instead of a poster and vice versa.

Panel - An informed 60-minute dialogue or debate by panelists with contrasting or complementary points of view, moderated by a chairperson, with time reserved for audience participation, questions, and comments. Short opening remarks by the panelists set the stage for robust discussion with each other and the audience. Panelists: 3-5 . Please note, do not enter the chair as a presenter during step 2 above. If accepted, you will be able to add them at that time.

Poster - A visual display of a paper, a research project, a developing idea, or a program or practice that is set up and hosted by the creator(s) during a poster session. Posters will be set up and displayed during the conference poster session (and potentially earlier). During the poster session, the poster creator will host their poster by engaging with attendees who stop by the poster. Presenters: 1-2.

Presentation or Paper - A concise, oral presentation (typically 10-15 minutes) that shares best practices, model programs, case studies, theory building, research findings, pedagogy, etc. Upon acceptance, presentations/papers are grouped together with two other submissions to form one 60-minute session. A session chair will be assigned by the stream(s) who will keep time during the session and moderate any Q&A. Presenters: 1-3.

Note: If you are submitting a paper, see step 8 below on uploading your paper during the proposal process.

Workshop - An interactive 60-minute demonstration or experiential session on a leadership-related topic that is rooted in audience participation and active learning. Half or more of the time must be dedicated to experiential learning and innovative, active audience participation focused on the development of capacities, skills, techniques, or proficiencies. Facilitators: 2-4.

Breakout Session (60 minutes) – interactive or instructional: A 60-minute breakout session is a focused, smaller-group activity within a larger event, designed for deeper engagement and collaboration than a main session allows, featuring either interactive learning (workshops, problem-solving, brainstorming) or instructional content (mini-lectures, Q&A, expert panels) focused on a specific sub-topic, often using activities or discussions to achieve goals like skill-building or idea generation. They encourage participation, cater to different learning styles, and create networking opportunities, with organizers strongly discouraging lecture-only formats in favor of active learning.

Step 6: Proposal Short Description (750 characters max, including spaces) (Required)

Your short description should convey why the topic is interesting and important. Be clear and straightforward. Your short description should concisely summarize the main point, central arguments, evidence, and/or experience you'll be delving into should your proposal be accepted. Keep DTD Enterprises multidisciplinary, multisector, global audience in mind and avoid specialized jargon.

Step 7: Select Your Keywords (Optional)

Select up to 3 keywords from the following list.

From Poverty to Prosperity, Poverty to Prosperity Framework, From Poverty to Prosperity Leadership Summit, Poverty to Prosperity Systems Change, Leadership for Economic Mobility, Prosperity-Focused Leadership, Leadership That Moves Systems, Transforming Poverty into Prosperity, Pathways from Poverty to Prosperity, Building Prosperity at Scale, Leadership for systems change, Equity-centered leadership, Transformational leadership, Results-driven leadership, Accountability in leadership, Leadership and economic justice, Leadership innovation, Cross-sector leadership, Executive leadership for impact, Policy leadership for prosperity, Next-generation leadership, Emerging leaders in policy and practice, Leadership pipelines, Leadership and community power, Systems change leadership, Policy solutions for poverty reduction, Policy-driven economic mobility, Structural inequality solutions, Government systems reform, Legislative leadership for equity, Policy implementation and impact, Evidence-based policy solutions, Data-driven policymaking, Systems transformation strategies, Public policy innovation, Policy alignment across sectors, Policy accountability frameworks, Economic mobility pathways, Prosperity-building strategies, Sustainable economic opportunity, Wealth-building solutions, Inclusive economic growth, Financial stability and opportunity, Community prosperity models, Shared prosperity, Economic equity strategies, Closing opportunity gaps, Reducing income inequality, Advancing economic justice, Cross-sector collaboration for prosperity, Collective impact models, Public-private partnerships, Multi-sector solutions to poverty, Government-business-nonprofit collaboration, Philanthropy and policy alignment, Higher education and workforce partnerships, Community-centered collaboration, Systems alignment across sectors, Partnership-driven innovation, Executive leadership for economic mobility, Corporate leadership and social impact, Corporate strategy for prosperity, CSR and shared value, Executive decision-making and equity, Business leadership for systems change, Workforce equity strategies, Corporate accountability and community impact, Philanthropic leadership, Impact investing and prosperity, Next-generation leadership for prosperity, Student leadership in policy and systems change, College and graduate student innovation, Emerging leaders in economic justice, Youth leadership pipelines, Student-led policy solutions, Campus-to-career pathways, Future leaders of prosperity, Education as a pathway to prosperity, Innovation for economic mobility, Policy innovation labs, Leadership innovation ecosystems, Technology and economic equity, AI and the future of work, Innovation-driven prosperity, Scalable solutions to poverty, Systems innovation, Social innovCommunity-driven

prosperity, Lived experience and leadership, Community-centered policy design, Grassroots leadership, Resident-led solutions, Community empowerment models, Equity-focused community development, Civic leadership and engagement for prosperity, Poverty to Prosperity Conference, Leadership Summit on Economic Mobility, Systems Change Leadership Conference, Policy and Innovation Summit, Equity and Prosperity Summit, Call for Papers Poverty and Prosperity, Thought leadership on poverty reduction, Action-oriented leadership conference, Measurable impact leadership, Accountability and results, Action-driven solutions, Implementation-focused leadership, Outcomes-based policy design, Impact-driven collaboration, Leadership commitments and follow-through,

Step 8: Proposal Long Description (7500 characters max, including spaces) (Required.)

Note: Any characters pasted in the long description field count toward the character count.)

This is your opportunity to expand upon your short description with a more complete abstract of your proposal. If you choose to include quotations or paraphrasing of someone else's work , please cite each author's name, but neither a full in-text citation nor a reference (in a reference list) is needed. So, for Example: "According to James MacGregor Burns, [Direct Quote]; or "James MacGregor Burns argues [Paraphrase]."

Please note the following recommendations for a long description based on session type.

Workshops: If you are submitting a workshop, please include the key takeaways for attendees and a draft schedule of how you will use the 60 minutes in the session.

Inclusion of Biographical Information in Workshops and Panels: Workshop and panel submitters are encouraged to provide biographical information in the long description that will help peer reviewers and the program team understand why you are qualified to lead a particular workshop or discuss the topic of a panel. To maintain the double-anonymous review, please do not include your name in this biographical information or things like titles of books you've written – be more generic.

Step 9: Upload Your Paper (optional)

If you are submitting a full paper, please upload a paper no more than 20 pages in length (including tables, figures, and references (APA7)), double-spaced, in a Times New Roman 12 pt font or equivalent.

Leadership Scholarship Stream – If you are submitting under the presentation/paper format in the Leadership Scholarship stream, it is highly recommended that you upload a full paper for Consideration

Furthermore, if you are submitting a paper to the Leadership Scholarship Stream, please add the applicable keywords (from this list of 17) to your paper:

Methods in leadership scholarship: New methods in leadership research; Engaged and applied scholarship; (How to) qualitative methods ; (How to) quantitative methods.

Publishing leadership scholarship: How to publish in journals; How to do a book proposal; Taking a dissertation to an article(s).

Development of leadership scholars: Professional development; Personal development; Writing for grants; Connecting research out of my discipline.

Theoretical and conceptual leadership scholarship: Theoretical development; Conceptual development; Critical leadership studies.

Other aspects of leadership scholarship: Qualitative articles; Quantitative articles; Mixed method articles.

Step 10 DTD Enterprises's General Principles (Optional)

DTD Enterprises's General Principles for Leadership Programs offers five topical areas that leadership learning falls within.

Please select the area within which your proposal best fits.

1) Context; 2) Conceptual Framework; 3) Content; 4) Learning; or 5) Metrics, Outcomes, and Assessment.

Step 11 Review, Edit, and Submit Review your submission and make any needed correction/edits, then click submit.

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First-Round Call for Proposals

2026 From Poverty to Prosperity Leadership Summit

FIRST-ROUND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline: January 30, 2026

The 2026 *From Poverty to Prosperity Leadership Summit* invites practitioners, policymakers, researchers, students, executives, and community leaders to submit proposals for sessions that advance effective strategies and innovative solutions that move individuals, families, and communities from poverty to prosperity.

Selected proposals will help shape the Summit's learning environment by offering powerful insights, practical tools, policy recommendations, leadership strategies, and community-driven approaches.

Tracks of Interest

All proposals must align with at least one of the following Summit Tracks:

1. Policy Leadership & Systems Change

Topics may include:

- Legislative and policy interventions that expand economic mobility
- Local or state models for reducing poverty
- Cross-agency collaboration strategies
- Data-informed policymaking

2. Next-Gen Leadership (College & Graduate Students)

Topics may include:

- Student-led research, advocacy, or innovation
- Campus-to-career pathways that elevate economic outcomes
- Youth-led solutions to community challenges
- Leadership development frameworks for emerging professionals

3. Executive Leadership & Corporate Strategy

Topics may include:

- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) strategies
- AI, automation, and the future of workforce development
- DEI leadership models supporting economic advancement
- Public-private partnerships that work

4. Cross-Sector Collaboration & Innovation

Topics may include:

- Multi-sector initiatives producing measurable outcomes
 - Community-driven poverty alleviation models
 - Innovative funding or investment structures
 - Partnerships between higher ed, government, employers, and nonprofits
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Proposal Types Accepted

We welcome submissions for the following formats:

- **Breakout Session (60 minutes)** – interactive or instructional
 - **Panel Discussion (45–60 minutes)** – 3–4 contributors + moderator
 - **Workshop or Action Lab (75 minutes)** – hands-on, solution-focused
 - **Student Innovation Presentation (10–12 minutes)** – youth/young adult spotlight
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Proposal Requirements

Each proposal must include:

1. Session Title
 2. Track Alignment
 3. 250–400 word session description
 4. Learning objectives (minimum 3)
 5. Presenter(s) bio(s) (100 words each)
 6. Intended audience (policy, executive, student, cross-sector)
 7. Session format (breakout, panel, workshop, etc.)
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Submission Deadline

All first-round proposals must be submitted by:

→ **January 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST**

Late submissions may be considered for waitlist placement.

Submission Process

Proposals should be submitted via the [Summit Proposal Portal: Click Hyperlink](#)

Confirmation of receipt will be emailed within 48 hours.

Selection Timeline

- **January 30, 2026** – First-round proposals due
- **February 15, 2026** – Notification of acceptance
- **March 1, 2026** – Final session materials due

For questions or assistance with the proposal process, please contact: **Kaitlin Harris**,
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