Frequently Asked Questions

Can you provide a general overview of the event?

The LGBT+ College Conference was launched in 2014 by MTSU Lambda Association in partnership with the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences at MTSU. Student leaders of LGBT+ organizations from colleges and universities in Tennessee, along with corporate and community allies, were invited to participate in open and honest dialogue on issues that impact the LGBT+ community on college campuses, the workplace, and beyond. The 2020 conference agenda will include research presentations along with the participation of academic, community, and civic leaders, diversity and inclusion practitioners, and change agents to focus on how access and opportunity intersect with identity to influence our interactions with education, commerce, community, government, and, most importantly, each other.

View details at mtsu.edu/LGBTplusCC

Is the conference just for students?

In a word, no. The conference programming is designed within an academic framework focused on learning outcomes for students, administrators, and professionals. Students gain insight into how they can impact policy and practice at their institutions and better prepare for professional success in organizations where differences are highly valued. Professionals and practitioners will gain knowledge of current practices and collaborate to influence “next practices” in diversity and inclusion. Academicians, student activists, diversity and inclusion thought leaders, and other community leaders are selected to present based on their in-depth subject knowledge and the ability to facilitate the “open and honest” exchange of ideas. Conference strategy sessions ensure that participants take away useful tools that can be considered and implemented to further their unique organizational goals. For information about presenting or sharing at the 2020 Conference, contact Dr. William Langston (william.langston@mtsu.edu)

How can an individual or organization become involved?

Invitations have been extended to all LGBT+ student organizations, student affairs officials, and diversity officers at the more than thirty colleges and universities in Tennessee. Everyone is invited to submit research, films, and discussion topics and can attend the conference at no cost. The conference also engages an Advisory Board to gain program advice and expand community participation. For information about joining the Advisory Board or participating in the 2020 Conference, contact Dr. William Langston (william.langston@mtsu.edu)

How can an individual or organization support the event?

Sponsorships are available at multiple levels, providing organizations with the opportunity to include recruiting and marketing activities and secure space for their employees to attend. Individuals may become financial patrons of the event at multiple levels. To discuss support, contact William Langston (william.langston@mtsu.edu or 615.898.5489).