



Introduction & Background

The Summit 2027: Meet the Moment

A Call for Facilitators

The Summit is a one-day conference where educators take time to celebrate the excellent work they're doing and envision how their practice and the field of education can be even better.

Now in its 4th year, The Summit has become a home for educators to connect, recharge, and grow together. *The Summit 2027: Meet the Moment* takes place on Saturday, February 20th, at The Kauffman Foundation Conference Center.

As a Kansas City teacher conference, we prioritize uplifting the brilliance of educators in our community. If you've met a critical moment in your practice and met it with belief, determination, and a strategy, we want to hear from you.

Have you made an informed choice, taken a calculated risk, or tried a new approach in your classroom? Did you learn something along the way that other educators need to hear? This is your invitation to share it.

We're offering 10 educators the opportunity to facilitate a 60-minute breakout session for up to 40 attendees at The Summit.

Whatever your style, we want to hear your idea. Panel discussion, lecture, hands-on workshop; any format is welcome, as long as it delivers.

The goal is for every attendee to leave your session with something they can use on Monday morning. We're looking for sessions built around a specific skill, strategy, technique, or coaching move; not just an idea to think about, but a tool to put into practice. Give attendees something to practice, a strategy to test, a conversation to rehearse, or something tangible to create, so they can *Meet the Moment* in their own context and their own classrooms.



Target Areas

This year, we're seeking breakout content that supports educators at every stage of their career journey, from teacher to mentor to instructional coach, and prepares them for the critical moments unique to each.

Foundational Practices

Session proposals that focus on foundational teaching skills: the core instructional moves every educator needs, whether it's their first year or their fortieth. Think classroom management and culture, instructional design, assessing student learning, and data-driven instruction.

Mentors and Teacher Leaders

Session proposals that focus on skills required to mentor and lead peers, colleagues, and the broader school community toward collective improvement, often without formal authority.

Instructional Coaches

Session proposals that focus on the mindsets, tools, and skills used to execute effective coaching conversations and drive teacher improvement.

Education Today

Session proposals that focus on navigating the bigger conversations shaping the classroom and the profession right now, such as artificial intelligence in teaching and learning, hard discussions about race and injustice, the future of public education amid vouchers and school choice, and other shifts educators can't afford to ignore.



Submission Guidelines & Requirements

Please complete and [submit the form on our website](#). Make sure to include:

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Facilitator Biography - Around 150 words, includes relevant career experience
3. Headshot - A photo to be used for conference promotional materials
4. [Facilitator Summary Template](#) (See example [here](#))
Please note: the use of artificial intelligence in the writing or creation of any portion of the facilitator summary template is strictly prohibited.



Project Timelines

The application timeline is as follows:

Applications are LIVE	09/21/2026
Applications CLOSED	10/30/2026
Communication with all applicants	11/16/2026
Partner with Educator Academy to finalize prep for facilitation	11/16/2026 - 02/1/2027
Draft session materials due	1/25/2027
Final session materials due (no changes permitted after this date.)	2/1/2027
The Summit 2027	2/20/2027

The date of The Summit is Saturday, February 20, 2027



Compensation

Each facilitator will receive \$150, paid by The Educator Academy, for facilitating on the day of The Summit. Payment will be distributed by the end of February 2027. Accepted applicants will receive one additional complimentary ticket to the event, valued at \$100.

If multiple facilitators are named in the application, compensation will be split equally amongst them. The Educator Academy is unable to compensate for travel and lodging.



Evaluation Factors

The Educator Academy will evaluate all proposals based on the following criteria:

1. Relevancy to this year's theme
 - a. Meet the Moment: *real opportunities, real growth, right now.*
2. Connection to relevant educational moments
3. Adherence to the submission guidelines (listed above)

Want to connect with someone from The Educator Academy about your idea for a session? Contact jennifer@educator-academy.org for more information.

You are welcome to apply to multiple opportunities at The Summit, but will only be selected for one.

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