



Annual Conference *of* Accredited Institutions

Higher Education Innovations: Adapting to Economic Challenges

About ACTT

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) was established by Chapter 39:06 as the principal body in Trinidad and Tobago responsible for the quality assurance of post secondary and tertiary level institutions, programmes and awards. ACTT monitors and evaluates the quality of post secondary and tertiary educational institutions, programmes and awards, to protect the interests of students, parents and other stakeholders in the tertiary education sector. Further, ACTT is also responsible for facilitating the development of a culture of Quality Assurance among institutions within the higher education sector.

Annual Conference of Accredited Institutions (ACAI)

ACTT will host its first Annual Conference of Accredited Institutions in October 2018. It is expected that higher education professionals aligned with accredited institutions will also share their expertise, experiences and research in fostering the transformation of the local higher education sector into one that is globally competitive.

Goal:

To establish a professional learning community among accredited institutions in Trinidad and Tobago.

Objectives:

- Build a sense of collaboration and partnership among accredited institutions
- Explore strategies for institutional improvement
- Facilitate the sharing of best practice

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Time: 8.30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, October 5, 2018

Venue: MIC Institute of Technology (MIC-IT)
5A Century Drive, Trincity Business Park, Macoya

Registration fee: Individual rate: \$500
Group rate (5 persons per institution): \$400/person
Presenter's rate: \$400

CALL FOR PAPERS: Conference Strands

- ***Expanding access in a contracting economy***

The economic downturn of the last few years has resulted in higher education institutions being challenged to find ways of maintaining their competitive edge and increasing access to the programmes offered to current and prospective students. Greater access to tertiary education by students equates to increased enrolment and higher levels of income for the institution. This strand explores cost-effective measures that may be adopted to expand student access to higher education in Trinidad and Tobago.

- ***Novel initiatives to ensure sustainability and financial viability***

Many institutions locally have recorded a reduction in student enrolment, particularly over the last year. This has resulted in decreased income, forcing some institutions to adopt cost-cutting measures such as the closure of sites and reduction of staff. Institutions are now forced to think out of the box and to devise and adopt creative approaches to managing their operations in order to survive financially. This strand explores the innovative approaches that may be adopted to ensure sustainability of the operations and the financial health of the institution.

- ***Enhancing the student learning experience in a dynamic environment***

In recent years, the local higher education landscape has experienced, and continues to experience, changes to which institutions must adapt without compromising their quality. As the primary stakeholder, students play a major role in promoting an institution based on their experience at that institution. It is therefore incumbent upon institutions to ensure that the student experience is unique, memorable, fulfilling and meaningful. This strand explores approaches that can be adopted to capture and retain the students' interest in pursuing studies at an institution in spite of the economic and other challenges in the current environment.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Requirements for Submission

A. Submissions should include an abstract that is relevant to one of the strands.

The Abstract

Abstracts for Papers should be no more than **250 words** prepared in 12-point Times New Roman font. This should be accompanied by a cover page with the following details:

1. Title of Strand
2. Title of Paper
3. Author(s): List each author's full name and designation
4. Name of institution
5. Email address(es) of author(s)

B. Your submission should also include a biography of each author of **not more than 100 words** for each author.

C. Submissions should be emailed to: acai_registration@actt.org.tt

CALL FOR PAPERS: Key Dates

Submission of Abstracts: Friday, September 7, 2018

Notification of Acceptance: Friday, September 14, 2018

Submission of Presentation: Friday, October 5, 2018

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