



## STUDENT INITIATIVES

The SOUL 2018 Student Event Team would like to invite you to explore the meaning of SOUL in Planning! Join us in Winnipeg, Manitoba from July 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) Conference, **SOUL 2018**.

From the SOUL 2018 [Call for Presentations](#):

*“Our culture, our environments, and our stories shape the spaces around us – spaces that reflect the SOUL of our communities. As we address current and future needs, we are challenged to incorporate SOUL into our planning work, to create communities that are energetic and thriving”*

As a member of the Organizing Committee for SOUL 2018, and in collaboration with the University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students (UMAPS), the Student Event Team’s mission is to make student content, mentorship opportunities, and social events integral parts of the overall SOUL 2018 conference experience. Here, you’ll join peers, industry professionals, and scholars from across the country and abroad to reflect on what SOUL means to the planning community as you learn from one another, from insightful speakers and presentations, and from the culture, places, and stories of our dynamic city and regional landscapes.

For more information about our conference, we encourage you to visit the CIP website ([https://www.cip-icu.ca/Soul\\_2018](https://www.cip-icu.ca/Soul_2018)) and [connect with us on Twitter](#).

Two student components are planned for SOUL 2018 and are reviewed below.

### Student Presentations

The Student Event Team invites you to present your research, coursework, or extra-curricular project at SOUL 2018. Prospective presenters are encouraged to direct their presentation toward the theme of SOUL by fitting it into one of the following streams:

- SOUL and PLACE
- SOUL and STORY
- SOUL and ROLE

Further guidance for these streams, including definitions and example topics, can be found in the general [Call for Presentations](#). The Student Event Team does not expect prospective presenters to develop original research to fit within these streams, but are encouraged to make connections to SOUL and PLACE, SOUL and STORY, and SOUL and ROLE in creative and imaginative ways.

Student Presentations will take place during the conference concurrent sessions and will be open to all delegates. Presentation timeslots are planned to be 25 to 30 minutes in length, inclusive of 5 to 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Students are encouraged to explore innovative presentation formats and may consider interactivity, workshops and collaborative learning, and story-telling as they showcase their research or project. Presentations may also be conducted by up to 3 individuals.

Submissions will be reviewed and selected according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to SOUL and its three streams
- Presenter's knowledge, experience, and command of proposed material
- Creativity of presentation format
- Adherence to the minimum information and format requirements of this Call for Student Presentations (discussed below)

What to include when submitting your proposal:

- Title of the presentation, which clearly indicates the topic. The title is limited to 100 characters including spaces.
- Name(s) of presenter(s), academic background, affiliated university or institution, affiliated firm or organization (if applicable)
- Bio of each presenter (100 words max, for each presenter).
- Clear and concise description or abstract of the session (200 word maximum) for the selection process.
- List of required materials (i.e. technology, presentation, equipment).

Please provide the above information by filling out the [Student Presentation Submission form](#), by **February 28<sup>th</sup> 2018**.

## Poster Playground

Students are invited to design and prepare a poster showcasing a planning topic of their choice. While students may produce a poster describing their research or academic work, they are also encouraged to pursue a partnership with a planning professional to collaboratively explore potential projects and material, conduct research, and produce a poster design.

This activity is intended to provide students with the opportunity to share their passion for planning with other students and delegates at SOUL 2018. The posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference, and poster-makers will have the opportunity to present their work at the "Poster Playground" event.

Further details and guidance for participating in the Poster Playground will follow in the coming weeks – stay tuned to the CIP e-Newsletter!

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Alexie Cossette, CIP Coordinator, Conference and Events at [acossette@cip-icu.ca](mailto:acossette@cip-icu.ca). We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you in July!

Sincerely,

The SOUL 2018 Student Event Team