# **2024 USITCC: Call for Speakers**

 When:
 April 4-6, 2024

 Where:
 Shreveport Hilton Hotel & Shreveport Convention Center

 104 Market Street
 Shreveport, LA 71101

 Deadline:
 March 1, 2024

 Information:
 www.ustcc.com

The Foundation for IT Education (FITE) is now accepting potential speakers for the upcoming 2024 U.S. Information Technology Collegiate Conference (6<sup>th</sup> Annual). FITE encourages interested individuals and companies to submit presentation proposals by completing and returning the attached application.

## About the Foundation for Information Technology Education (FITE)

For decades, the Foundation for Information Technology Education (FITE) has sponsored, facilitated, supported, and staffed countless collegiate level IT conferences at the local, regional and national levels.

#### About the U.S. Information Technology Collegiate Conference (USITCC)

In a compact and affordable two-day format, the USITCC is positioned to be the nation's top IT collegiate competition, networking, and career building event. In one single weekend, student attendees can prove their technology skills amongst their peers in a variety of IT competitions, network with industry professionals, and connect with IT employers looking to fill internships and/or full-time positions.

The keynote and breakout sessions will provide key industry insight let alone potential career advice to the student attendees. Complete professional development requires knowledge that goes beyond the classroom, especially with technology changing so rapidly. This conference is designed to supplement traditional IT education by its unique program design focused on numerous IT centric competition events. We anticipate over 400 Information Technology students and faculty attending the event which also will include a career fair offering full time and internship opportunities.

## Targeted Sessions for the 2024 USITCC event:

Conference "Spotlight on Technology & Skills" sessions allow attendees to hear and ideally experience the latest technology trends all showcasing what it means to future IT professionals and organizations. Potential conference session/panel topics include:

- Mobile Technology Innovations and Uses
- IT Consulting/Hiring Opportunities, Trends and Success stories
- Systems Development: Waterfall, Scrum, Agile....
- Project Management: Opportunities, Certifications, Tools, Best Practices
- Cloud Computing and Storage solutions
- The Internet of Things and what it means to IT professionals
- The Future of IT: AR/AI/Voice Controlled, Smart Houses, Cars & Cities, 5G
- Technology skill sessions with takeaways

# Speaker Requirements

FITE requires that all information be presented in an educational, **non-commercial**, **non-self-promotional** manner.

Speaker responsibilities are as follows:

- Provide a biographical summary of approximately 100 words or less written in the style to serve as your speaker introduction (3<sup>rd</sup> person tense)
- Whenever possible, you should submit titles that pique the curiosity of potential attendees.
- For your session content, descriptions should be concise, specific and clearly define the benefit to the potential audience. You may also list what the attendees will learn in the session.
- You are responsible for providing handouts if they are part of your presentation.
- If you propose a panel and your proposal is accepted, you are responsible for securing all panelists, including replacements for original panelists who cannot participate.

#### Criteria for Evaluation

Topics are selected based on demonstrated audience interest and reflect the ongoing focus and mission of FITE. Innovation, originality and timeliness of material are also considerations.

#### Decision process

Upon receipt of the proposed speaking session, it will be reviewed for appropriateness and more. Subsequent follow-up and speaking session coordination will follow shortly thereafter.

#### Accepted & Scheduled Speaker accommodations include:

- (1) Complimentary Conference Registration for the day of your session
- (2) Complimentary parking at the conference hotel
- (3) An optional complimentary night's lodging at the conference official hotel
- (4) Standard Audio/Visual for your conference session (screen & projector only)
- (5) Wi-Fi access
- (6) Loaner PC with Microsoft Powerpoint in the room/at the podium

# PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN THIS PAGE:

**Part I: Speaker Contact Information** The following contact information will be used to confirm receipt of your proposal and notify you if the proposal has been selected.

NAME:	
COMPANY:	TITLE:
ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	

**Part II: Session Information** *Include brief title, session information and your speaker introduction. A picture is optional.* 

**SESSION TITLE** (Attention Getting):

**SESSION CONTENT SUMMARY** (concise, specific; define benefit):

**BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY** (approximately 100 words, 3<sup>rd</sup> person tense, and will serve as your speaker/panelist introduction):

# Part III: Category/Format Information -Format of each technology spotlight/skillset breakout session is 45 minutes

#### -Please check the applicable category:

- \_\_\_\_\_ IT Jobs & Careers
- Technology & Innovation

\_\_\_\_\_ General/ALL Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Only

- \_\_\_\_\_ Graphics/Gaming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Security
- \_\_\_\_\_ Internet of Things
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Networking/Marketing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Systems Development/Project Management
- \_\_\_\_\_ A specific technology skillset

FITE will use its best efforts to honor your scheduling request:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday morning, March 31, 2024
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday afternoon, March 31, 2024
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning, April 1, 2024
- \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference

# CONTACT US

Thank you for your interest in speaking at the 2024 USITCC event! For all questions and/or speaker proposal submissions, let alone wish to learn more about potential sponsor and exhibitor opportunities, contact FITE VP & USITCC Event Planner Kevin Jetton at kjetton@satx.rr.com or call 210-275-2062.