Great Ideas For Teaching Students (GIFTS) provides an excellent opportunity for faculty members and/or graduate students to share classroom-tested “great ideas” with other educators. This year’s conference theme encourages exploration of activities that clarify theory—or--develop performance competence—or--develop a nuanced blend of pragmatic teaching goals that are nevertheless grounded in deeper principles and rationales. Submissions may present an activity, assignment, project, game, simulation, etc. for addressing a specific communication theory, concept, skill, or learning objective.

The GIFTS Presentation

A GIFTS presentation is a concise depiction of a teaching idea that can be explained or demonstrated to a small audience in 6-8 minutes. Presenters should be prepared with a brief, comprehensive handout for interested participants and should plan on presenting without access to audio/visual equipment.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit a one-paragraph abstract of your “great idea” as well as a 1-2 page description of the activity itself. This proposal should include your goal, rationale, directions, explanations, and the typical results. Submissions should include the submitter’s name, institutional affiliation, email address, and telephone number.

A statement of professional responsibility should be included with the submission stating the following: “In submitting the attached proposal, I/we agree to present at the 2019 NYSCA conference if it is accepted. I/we further recognize that all who attend and present at NYSCA’s annual meeting must register and pay the required conference fees.”

Submissions should be emailed as a Word document attachment to: evelyn.plummer@shu.edu no later than July 31, 2019. Selected panelists will be notified via email.