



**Science Summit
Belmont University
February 10-12, 2016**

Purpose:

The purpose of the Science Summit is to bring together a group of NAC&U science or science-related faculty to discuss possible cross- institutional research collaboration and proposal development.

Focus:

The focus of the summit will be to brainstorm ways in which collaboration with NAC&U member institutions can address scientific challenges and encourage participants to form multi-disciplinary, multi- institutional teams to address these issues. Possible topics might be working with K-12 schools to encourage interest in science, further development of undergraduate research programs, or collaboration in areas of faculty research.

The Proposal:

Each campus is invited to send two or more science professors to attend a two-day summit February 10-12, 2016. [James Gentile](#), former president of Research Corporation for Science Advancement and Dean of Science at Hope College will facilitate the meeting. Participants will discuss current research on their campuses and explore possible topics where collaboration might lead to collaborative National Science Foundation or other foundation proposals.

Cost and Dates:

Belmont University is hosting the summit. The registration will be \$275 per person not including dinner on Thursday night, accommodations and travel. The Embassy Suites, 1811 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203, is the conference hotel. Room rates are \$179. Reservations can be made by calling 1-615-320-8899. Please mention NAC&U when you make your reservation.

Transportation:

The Embassy Suites Hotel and Belmont University are located about two miles from each other, and they are both a 15-20 minute ride from the airport unless it is rush hour. In rush hour, this trip can take 45 minutes to an hour.

[Jarmon Transportation](#) runs a shuttle between the airport and hotel. It is inexpensive -- \$15 for one-way and \$25 for round-trip – but it also makes multiple stops. It is your best bet for getting from the airport to the hotel on Wednesday if you are traveling solo and arriving a couple of hours or more before the summit starts. Taxi fare costs about \$25 so if you are traveling with others, it could be more cost-effective to take a cab together.

To return to the airport, your best bet would be to split a taxi with other summit participants who are leaving from Belmont when the conference concludes at noon on Friday. Or, you can return to the Embassy Suites and take the Jarmon shuttle from there.

The Embassy Suites has a shuttle to and from Belmont University. We will work with them to make sure there are enough shuttles running during our peak travel times for the Science Summit.

More information about Jarmon Transportation:

Jarmon Transportation is the official airport ground transportation shuttle service for Nashville International Airport, providing service to downtown and the West End area, Ft. Campbell/Clarksville and door-to-door. Jarmon is located on the Ground Transportation/1st level inside the terminal. Reservations can be made in person, by phone at 615-275-0146 or online: <http://www.jarmontransportation.com/home.html>.

Biography of James Gentile

James M. Gentile, PhD., is Emeritus Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology, and former Dean for the Natural & Applied Sciences at Hope College in Holland, MI., and the Past President of Research Corporation for Science Advancement. He has conducted extensive research in environmental mutagenesis/carcinogenesis with funding from the NIH, NSF, the USEPA, WHO, and other public and private foundations. His lab focused on the role metabolism on carcinogen formation and the impact of chronic

inflammation on mutation induction and cancer initiation. He received his B.A. from St. Mary's University (MN), his M.S. and Ph.D. from Illinois State University and did postdoctoral at the Yale University School of Medicine. He is the author of many research articles, book chapters, book reviews, special reports and Huffington Post Blogs and is a frequent speaker on the integration of scientific research and higher education. During his career Dr. Gentile served as the Book Review Editor for Environmental Mutagenesis, Editor-in-Chief of Mutation Research, is a Past President of the US Environmental Mutagen Society and the International Association of Environmental Mutagen Societies. He is a founding member of the Project Kaleidoscope science education initiative, and has served on the Michigan Environmental Site Review Board, the Life Science Board of the National Research Council and the National Science Board Commission on 21st Century STEM Education. Awards include appointment as an AAAS Fellow, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Illinois State University, the Alexander Hollaender Award from the Environmental Mutagen Society, the Council on Undergraduate Research Achievement Award, and the Ray Davies Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award from the Educational Enrichment Foundation. He currently serves on Boards including the Biosphere2, the Science Friday Foundation, and the Cures Now Foundation, the American Association of Colleges.