



## Impact Collaborative October 2018 National Summit Results at a Glance

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We've changed a lot over the past few years to better serve our members and we have answered the call to deliver high-quality professional development focused on your institutional goals. We do this through the Impact Collaborative where we help strengthen program design with new capacities, partners and innovation. We are also finding new ways to support Extension professionals through our "go to" eFieldbooks, exploring Customer Relationship Management systems, and much more.

The Impact Collaborative Summit is a place for institutional, statewide, and national teams to come together and accelerate their projects and programs forward with the help of our external partners and supporting organizations. At the Summit, we bring new capacity to the system that provides strategic support to our member institutions. Teams also have access to our expert Key Informants to help bridge gaps in their project or program planning.

Our first national Summit in October 2018 was successful at incubating Extension project teams with increased skills, increased levels of innovation and stronger project plans for action. Half of the teams were also selected as most ready to move forward and are receiving additional support toward implementation of their projects including 5 teams that are piloting a crowdfunding platform with our partner at LikeMinded.org.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

- In attendance:
  - 40 institutions/32 teams represented from all 5 regions
  - National teams included members from NPSEC, USDA-NIFA, & National 4-H Council
  - 9 external partner organizations
  - 45 Impact Collaborative Key Informants
- Project teams reported that the Summit enabled them to:
  - Strengthen Project Plans (96%)
  - Increase Program Innovation (58.3%)
  - Increase Project Innovation (50%)
- Individual team members reported:
  - 84% gaining or improving new competencies
  - 71% improved concept-mapping skills
  - 63% improved project communication
  - 61% improved use of the Impact Collaborative toolkit
  - 57% improved project roadmapping
  - 57% improved external partner engagement
  - 56% improved evaluation
  - 51% improved subject matter expertise
- 16 PitchFest Awards:
  - 7 projects including Top Score, Most Innovative External and Most Fundable are receiving coaching to apply for external funding by the Impact Collaborative partnership team.
  - 5 projects received the Crowdfunding Award and are being coached to pilot crowdfunding with our partner LikeMinded.com
  - All winners receive free registration and travel to the April 2019 National Summit in Atlanta.

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*Join us for our 2019 Summits: April 30th - May 3rd & October 14th - 18th in Atlanta, Georgia. Registration for the April Summit is available at [impact.eXtension.org/summit](http://impact.eXtension.org/summit)*