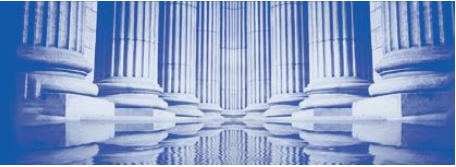




NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL
RESEARCH ASSOCIATION



Call for Proposals
54th Annual Conference
October 18-20, 2023
Trumbull Marriott Shelton, Trumbull, Connecticut

As a regional affiliate of the American Educational Research Association, NERA invites proposals for our annual meeting spanning all areas of educational research. We welcome proposals from new and experienced researchers and will consider both completed and in-progress research. Below you will find the conference theme, general requirements for NERA proposals, and specific guidelines corresponding to the four session formats. For more information about the conference, including FAQs about NERA proposals, visit NERA at www.nera-education.org.

Theme: *Where Do We Go From Here? Shaping the Future of Education Together*

In the aftermath of a pandemic and in the face of learning disruptions, teacher shortages, and persistent areas of inequality, how do we find a path forward? Today's challenges are complex and interconnected, calling for both reflection and action. As a community of educators and researchers, we are uniquely positioned to find solutions. Our hope is that NERA members, current and new, will embrace this challenge and bring fresh observations, ideas, and perspectives to help advance our collective knowledge and expertise in topics including:

- Learning loss remediation, especially among marginalized groups
- Socio-emotional learning and reconciling pre-covid expectations for learning and performance with a post-covid reality
- Remote learning and assessment
- Academic and professional turnover and ways to attract and retain talent
- Leveraging technology and advanced analytics

We encourage proposals that answer the question *Where do we go from here?* and address how educational researchers can help *shape the future of education together*. Additionally, we encourage proposals that critically reflect on what "together" means, evaluating who is involved in decisions about educational research and practice, who is responsible for these decisions, and who is not at the table when decisions are made. We invite researchers to examine issues through a diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) lens as it pertains to education and educational research. **Although we encourage proposals related to the conference theme, this is not a requirement for submission.**

The 2023 content strands for submission are:

1. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice
2. Educational Research Methods
3. Educational Systems and Policies
4. Higher Education Research and Practice
5. Measurement and Psychometrics
6. PK-12 Education Research and Practice
7. Post-COVID Innovations and Solutions
8. Miscellaneous

Submission Requirements

- Complete information for author(s) including affiliation(s)
 - This information is required in the submission system, but should NOT appear in the proposal document itself as all proposals undergo blind peer review
- Descriptive title (maximum: 15 words)
- Up to three content strands
- Description of paper to appear in conference program (maximum: 50 words)
- Proposal, NOT including tables, figures, and references (maximum: 1,000 words)
- Your proposal should include study purpose, theoretical framework, methodology, research questions, results, conclusions, and educational implications

Warning: Proposals with more than 1,000 words will not be accepted.

Submission Review Process

- Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Monday, June 5th, 2023** at 11:59 pm EDT.
- 2 to 3 NERA volunteers will conduct blind reviews of each proposal.
- Each proposal will be judged according to the following criteria: educational or scholarly significance, perspective or theoretical framework, appropriateness of methodology, clarity of expression, and appeal to NERA membership.
- Proposal decisions will be emailed to first authors in mid-August. Details about session dates and times will follow after the program has been finalized.

Session-Specific Guidelines

When submitting your proposal, you will be asked to indicate which of the following session formats you prefer for your research. We encourage everyone to select more than one possible option, as selecting multiple options increases your likelihood of acceptance. Regardless of the session you choose, your paper will go through rigorous peer review by NERA volunteers. As each format provides a medium for contributing your research to the field, all session formats are equally important. We hope to maintain a variety of sessions this year to maximize the educational experience for NERA conference attendees.

1. Individual Presentations

- a. Individual Paper:* Proposals should describe completed or nearly completed research to be presented in 10-15 minutes. Sessions will be organized so that 3-5 individual presentations will be grouped according to similar research areas. In most paper sessions, a discussant will be assigned to read the set of papers in advance and present a 10-15 minute synthesis, critique, or analysis of the set of papers to spur discussion.
- b. Roundtable:* Roundtable sessions allow maximum interaction among presenters and attendees, emphasizing discussion of completed or in-progress research. Each table will have 3-5 researchers with accepted papers organized around shared interests. In addition, each session will have a designated chair knowledgeable in the research area to facilitate interaction and participation.
- c. Individual Poster:* Poster proposals should describe a research project, either completed or nearly completed, that lends itself to a visual display and would benefit from informal individualized discussion and feedback. Posters brought to the conference should be no larger than 36 x 48 inches.

2. Theme-Based Paper Session/Symposium

Proposals for this format should describe a set of 3-5 presentations organized around a common theme. The proposal should include a description of how the papers are related to each other, as well as a short description of each of the papers that are included in the session. The chair and discussant for this session format must be identified in the proposal system (not in the proposal document itself). The format and procedure for these sessions are identical to the Individual Paper Presentation sessions.

Proposal Submission System

The proposal submission system is available on the NERA website and through this link:
[NERA 2023 Proposal System](#)

Call for conference volunteers and reviewers!

NERA is a volunteer-based organization. We need your help to ensure a high-quality conference in October.

[Volunteer to be a proposal reviewer](#)

[Volunteer to be a session chair or discussant](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the conference co-chairs at NERA.CoChairs@gmail.com.

Thank you,
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NERA 2023 Conference Co-Chairs