



NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL
RESEARCH ASSOCIATION



**Call for Proposals
55th Annual Conference
October 8-10, 2024
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: Promoting Social Responsibility in Educational Research

In the ever-changing world of education and educational research, we must continually self-reflect and be reminded of the reasons for our work and the responsibility it entails. We always need to remember we serve learners of all types. Promoting social responsibility in our work requires us to question the status quo with clear intent, collaborate with diverse groups of people, explicitly describe our methods, and openly and transparently communicate the results we find. Our success is dependent on continuously working to maintain strong and healthy communities of practice, ensuring all stakeholders' voices are heard and represented, so that we support positive changes both in the field of education research and in society as a whole. Let us join together in this journey of rediscovery and recommitment to our shared values and mission as an organization. We seek proposals that engage with the following questions:

- Who is served (and ignored) by the field of educational research?
- Who is served by the field of educational research, and who is ignored?
- Have our methods of research, sampling, engaging, and communicating adequately reflected the learners we strive to serve?
- How can we ensure that the voices of all stakeholders are accurately represented by our work?
- How can we collectively support positive change in educational research and society more broadly?

We encourage proposals that interrogate the relationship between social responsibility and educational research, address how social responsibility is woven into research methods and design, and reflect upon the progress made in educational research as well as the long road that lies ahead. We also encourage proposals that engage with the role of AI in education, particularly in regard to increasing inclusivity, fostering culturally-sustaining pedagogies, and evaluating 21st-century assessment constructs. **Although we encourage proposals related to the conference theme, this is not a requirement for submission.** In-progress research proposals are welcomed, including research resulting from internships.

The 2024 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. Applications of AI
9. 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)
- Selection of 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. **Please note consideration will be given for in-progress research not containing all of these elements.**
- You will be asked to indicate if your proposal reflects in-progress research.

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

Submission Review Process

- Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Friday, May 24, 2024** 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 early 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 approximately 10-15 minutes. Sessions will be organized so that 3-5 individual presentations will be grouped according to similar research areas with prescribed time limits for presentations. In most paper sessions, a discussant will be assigned to read the set of papers in advance and present an approximately 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 presentations are related to each other, as well as a short description of each of the presentations 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 2024 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 2024 Conference Co-Chairs