



**Call for Workshop Proposals 56th Annual Conference October 22–24, 2025
Trumbull Marriott Shelton, Trumbull, Connecticut**

As a regional affiliate of the American Educational Research Association, NERA invites proposals for workshops for our annual conference that appeal to a wide range of education researchers, including but not limited to: quantitative/measurement researchers, qualitative researchers, graduate students, and educators as researchers.

We welcome proposals from current NERA members as well as non-NERA members. This year's conference theme is:

Illuminating the Margins: Education for Every Mind

Rather than focusing solely on impairments or deficits, we recognize that disability is shaped by social structures. The barriers are not within individuals but in systems that fail to accommodate diversity.

We seek proposals that engage with the following questions:

- Who is served (and ignored) by the field of educational research?
- How can we move from a deficit-focused view of disabilities to a view of maximizing unique strengths?
- How can accommodations be supported by practices of universal design?
- How can we rethink our methods to allow for diverse perspectives in performance and achievement? Can we broaden our definitions and change our criteria?
- How can we shift the focus? Instead of solely teaching individuals with differences to adapt to the mainstream, how can we empower "typical" students to understand, appreciate, and engage with diverse ways of thinking, learning, and experiencing the world?

Although a connection to the conference theme is desired, it is not a requirement for proposal submissions. For more information, please visit www.nera-education.org.

Workshop Proposal Submission Requirements:

- Presenter Details: Name, affiliation, and email
- Workshop Title: Up to 15 words
- Keywords: Three keywords that represent the workshop
- Short Description: Up to 100 words to appear in the voting process and the conference program
- Detailed Description: Up to 1000 words outlining objectives, target audience, format, and presenter qualifications
- Interactive Components: Up to 250 words describing planned workshop activities
- Materials List: Anticipated materials that participants can expect to receive or need to bring
- Workshop Length: Indicate preference for 1 hour and 30 minutes or 3 hour format Proposals must be submitted via the Google Form below by Friday, May 9, 2025 (11:59pm Eastern) [Submission form](#).

Submission Review Process

- Workshop proposals will be screened by the conference team to ensure feasibility and fit with the conference.
- All NERA members will have an opportunity to review the short workshop descriptions and vote for their preferred offerings (presenters' names will be removed). Please keep this in mind when writing workshop descriptions as no other details will be given. Allowing NERA members to vote in this way maximizes alignment between workshop offerings and our community's preferences, promoting engaging and well-attended sessions.
- The conference team will finalize the workshop selections based on membership votes and topics addressed to provide a balance of offerings.
- Workshop proposal decisions will be emailed by July 25, 2025 from nera.cochairs@gmail.com. Details about workshop session dates and times will follow when the program is finalized in late summer.

Please note: Although non-members may propose workshops, all presenters must become NERA members if their workshop proposal is accepted. Details on becoming a member of NERA can be found on the NERA website and will also be sent out at the time of conference registration. Questions? Please contact the conference chairs at nera.cochairs@gmail.com.