CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2018 Annual Conference
October 17-19, 2018
Radisson Hotel SLC Downtown
Salt Lake City, Utah

NRMERA
Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association

The 2018 Annual Conference of the **Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association**, which will be NRMERA's 36th annual conference, will be held October 17-19, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference will begin on Wednesday evening, the 17th, with a President's Reception. The conference sessions will begin Thursday morning and end Friday by 5:00 PM. We invite you to submit a proposal to share your educational research with your colleagues at this conference. A link to the online submission site will be available at **www.nrmera.org**.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Friday, June 1, 2018**.

Conference Theme
The theme for this year's conference is **Exploring Equity in the Classroom**. This theme invites researchers to share their research and expertise related to important questions about how to strive for and achieve inclusiveness and equity in the classroom and in all aspects of education. We particularly invite and encourage submissions related to this theme, but we will consider proposals related to any area of educational research.

Session Formats for Presentations
There are five different session formats for which you may submit proposals. Each of these is described below.

Research Presentation (50 minutes)**:** These sessions are intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice. These will most often be reports of research studies that have concluded.

Short Research Presentation (25 minutes)**:** Like research presentations, short research presentations are intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice. However, they are intended for research that can be shared in a more concise manner. Final research reports, reports of initial findings of research in progress, or findings from one part of research in progress may be appropriate for these sessions.

Poster Presentation: These sessions are also intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice. They would include the same information as a research presentation. Presenters should have a professional poster prepared for display. There will be one or two sessions following typical poster session format lasting 60 minutes.

Learn at Lunch Roundtable: These sessions are particularly conducive for new presenters and graduate students to allow greater interaction and less formality. Individual presenters are assigned tables in a large meeting room where interested persons may gather for "Learn at Lunch" discussions with the presenter about chosen topics.

Workshop: Workshops differ from research presentations in that they encourage audience participation and provide demonstrations and/or illustrations. Workshops can be either 50 minutes or 85 minutes.

All presentation rooms will be equipped with screens and projectors. Presenters will need to provide computers and relevant adaptors. Internet access will be available to presenters and attendees in all conference areas.

Submitting Proposals
All proposals should be prepared using the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association: Sixth Edition (APA, 2010) and submitted through the 2018 NRMERA Conference Submission Portal found at **www.nrmera.org**. The following information will be needed to complete the submission:

1) **Presenter Information:** This includes information for all presenters, including name, affiliation and position, and email address.
2) **Session Format:** This would include the duration, if applicable.
3) **Session Keywords:** Provide 3-5 keywords that specify the session topics and connections.
4) **Title:** This should be **blinded** for review and no more than **15 words**. Titles longer than 15 words will be truncated.
5) **Session Description:** This will be included in the conference program. It should also be **blinded** for review and no more than **40 words**. Descriptions longer than 40 words will be truncated.
6) **2-3 Page Proposal:** This should also be **blinded** for review. Proposals should be in pdf format, single-spaced, 12 pt. font, with 1-inch margins. ***Proposals that are longer than three pages (including references) and/or not blinded will not be reviewed.*** The proposals will be uploaded as an attachment on the submission form.
   a. *Proposals for Research Presentations, Short Research Presentations, and Poster Presentations* should include the title, relevant background information, the purpose of the study, a short review of relevant literature, research methodology, results and/or conclusions, discussion of the educational importance of the study, and references.
   b. *Proposals for the Learn at Lunch Roundtable and Workshops* should include the title, purpose of the presentation, short review of relevant literature, learning outcomes for attendees at presentation, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, and references. If your presentation includes a research study, include research methodology and results and/or conclusions in your proposal.

Proposal Review

The 2018 program staff, NRMERA Executive Board members, and interested members will conduct a blind review of all submitted proposals. If interested in becoming a reviewer, please indicate so on the submission form. Evaluation criteria includes:
1) Relevance and Currency
2) Background, Purpose, and Rationale
3) Review of Relevant Literature
4) Research Methodology (including relevant data analyses)
5) Results and Conclusions
6) Educational Significance,
7) Fit with Presentation Format

Remember that proposals are due by Friday, June 1, 2018. Proposal submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal by mid-July. Registration for the conference will also be open at that time. All presenters must be registered for the conference by September 30, 2018, or their session will be canceled.

Questions

Please contact Elaine Tuft (elaine.tuft@uvu.edu), NRMERA President, with any questions regarding a proposal topic, a session format, or the submission process.

*See **www.nrmera.org** for more information.*