



NRMERA 2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted electronically by Tuesday, June 30

The 38th Annual Conference of the **Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA)** will be held in Ketchum/Sun Valley, Idaho, on October 14-16, 2020. NRMERA is the regional affiliate of the American Educational Research Association. NRMERA strives to provide a setting where one can present research, receive feedback, and connect with colleagues from throughout the mountain west and beyond. We welcome research from professionals, graduate students, and undergraduate students.

The conference will kick off with the President's Reception with poster presentations on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Conference sessions will begin Thursday morning and end Friday afternoon. We invite you to submit a proposal to share your educational research at this conference. A link to the online submission site is available at www.nrmera.org.

Conference Theme: "The Science of Learning"

This theme invites researchers and practitioners to share their research and experiences related to the science of learning and teaching. However, submissions focused on any area of educational research are welcome. Visit www.nrmera.org to submit your proposal for a paper session, poster presentation, learn-at-lunch, or symposium.

Session Formats for Presentations

There are four different session formats for which you may submit proposals:

Paper Presentation: 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. This session format will be individually-scheduled 25-minute presentations, including presentation and Q&A. Sessions will be scheduled for morning and afternoon on Thursday (10/15) and Friday (10/16). As each session will only feature one paper, there will not be designated discussants.

Poster Presentation: These sessions are intended for sharing research or analyzing issues of policy and practice. Presenters should have a professional poster prepared for display. Individual presenters set up displays representing their papers in a large area with other presenters. The poster session will be on Wednesday (10/14) from 7:00-8:00PM, and will follow typical poster session format.

Roundtable (Learn at Lunch): These sessions allow for 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 their chosen topics. Roundtables offer an opportunity to discuss ideas, works-in-progress, or other developing research with those at the table. Roundtables will be scheduled for 45 minutes during lunch on Friday (10/16).

Symposium: Symposia differs from the other types of research presentations in that symposia encourage discussion. A panel of experts will present or deliver their opinions, viewpoints, and/or findings on a chosen topic of discussion. This session format will be approximately 50 minutes. Symposia will be scheduled for Friday afternoon, October 16th.

Presentation rooms will be equipped with either flat-screen presentation-size televisions or a screen and projector, all with HDMI connections. Presenters will need to provide computers and relevant adaptors. Internet access will be available to presenters and attendees in all conference areas.

Submitting Proposals

Proposals shall be electronically submitted through the form available on the NRMERA website (www.nrmera.org).

The following information is required for all submissions:

- **Presenter Information:** Name, affiliation, position, and email address of all presenters.
- **Session Format:** Specify paper presentation, poster, roundtable, or symposium.
- **Session Keywords:** Provide up to three keywords that indicate the session topic(s) and connections.
- **Title:** Title must be blinded for review and no more than 15 words. Titles longer than 15 words will be edited.
- **Session Abstract:** This will be included in the conference program. It should be blinded for review and no more than 50 words. Abstracts longer than 50 words will be edited.
- **2-3 Page Proposal:** Proposals must be blinded for review and prepared using the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 6th (2010) or 7th Edition (2020). Submit in either Word or PDF format. References may be listed at the end of the submission without a page break. Proposals longer than three pages (including references) and/or not blinded will not be reviewed. Upload your proposal as an attachment to the online submission form. Specific submission requirements:
 - **Paper Presentation:** Include the title, relevant background information, purpose of the study, a short review of relevant literature, research methodology, results/conclusions, discussion of the educational importance of the study, and references.
 - **Poster Presentation:** Include the title, relevant background information, purpose, a short review of relevant literature, methodology, discussion of the educational importance of the study, and references. If applicable, include results/conclusions.
 - **Learn-at-Lunch Roundtable:** Include the title, purpose, short review of relevant literature, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, learning outcomes for attendees, and references. If applicable, include research methodology and results/ conclusions in your proposal.
 - **Symposium:** Include the title, purpose, relevant background information, short review of relevant literature, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, and references. If applicable, include research methodology and results/conclusions in your proposal.

Proposal Review

The 2020 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 as much on the submission form. Evaluation criteria includes:

- Relevance
- Background, purpose, and rationale
- Purposeful review of literature
- Clear research methodology
- Delineated results and conclusions (if applicable)
- Educational significance/impact
- Appropriate fit with requested presentation format

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Proposal submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal by the middle of August. Registration for the conference will be open by the first of April. For early-bird pricing, register before September 8. Hotel group rates are now available, and are guaranteed for reservations made by September 14. Presenters must be registered for the conference by September 15, 2020, or their session may be canceled.

Questions

For questions regarding a proposal topic, a session format, or the submission process, please contact either President Amanda Eller at elleama2@isu.edu or Program Chair Suzanne Beasterfield at beassuza@isu.edu.