



2024 Lake Tahoe Call for Proposals

Educational Research: Beyond the Buzz

The 41st Annual Conference of the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA) will be held at [Harvey's Hotel and Casino](#) in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, October 2-4, 2024. 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 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 and the poster presentations on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. Thursday will include our keynote speaker, breakout sessions, workshops, mentoring/networks sessions, and the Awards Banquet. Friday will include more breakout sessions and the annual business meeting, which is for all attendees, where we elect our next president. We invite you to submit a proposal to share your educational research at this conference.

Session Formats for Presentations

We invite researchers and practitioners to submit proposals that reflect this year's theme, Educational Research: Beyond the Buzz. This includes research that addresses myths in education, changing misconceptions, and implementing research supported practices. Please submit your proposal through the portal on our site: www.nrmera.org.

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

1. Paper Presentation:

Research paper proposals are completed studies that use any variety of quantitative, qualitative or mix methodological approaches. Other acceptable submissions for this category include, theoretical papers, program evaluations and literature reviews. The proposed paper should be appropriate for submission to a refereed journal. These sessions will include 3 papers in a one-hour block. Each presenter will have 10-15 minutes to present with 5 minutes for questions, comments, and academic discussion. Sessions will be scheduled for morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday (10/3) and Friday morning (10/4). Each session will have a moderator.

Evaluation Criteria: 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.

2. Poster Presentation:

These sessions are a graphic representation of a completed or partially completed, research, program evaluation, or innovative teaching strategies. 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 (10/2) from 6-8 pm during the Presidential Reception.

Evaluation Criteria: Poster Presentations will be evaluated on: (a) the significance of the topic/issue/problem to the field; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for stimulating scholarly discussion; (d) originality; and (e) methods planned to engage participants.

3. **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 Thursday 10/3. This format is meant for greater engagement and discussion, so projectors and screens are not provided during this time.

Evaluation Criteria: Roundtable Presentations will be evaluated on: (a) the significance of the topic/issue/problem to the field; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for stimulating scholarly discussion; (d) originality; and (e) methods planned to engage participants.

4. **Workshop Sessions:**

These sessions provide time for participants and the presenters to discuss relevant topics in higher education. We encourage sessions to explore topics that provide mentoring in various topics and areas of higher education (e.g. publication, promotion, writing, etc.). We have limited slots available for this session.

Evaluation Criteria: Workshop Sessions will be evaluated on: (a) the relevance of the topic/issue/problem to the members of NRMERA; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for mentoring opportunities; and (d) methods planned to engage participants.

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.

Questions?

For questions regarding a proposal topic, a session format, or the submission process, please contact **NRMERA Co Presidents:** Tara Beziat tbeziat@aum.edu or Lindsay Diamond ldiamond@unr.edu
Conference Chair: Lois Parette lois.paretti@unlv.edu

Submitting Proposals

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

The portal will ask you to submit the following information:

- **Presenter Information:** Name, affiliation, and email address of all presenters.
- **Session Format:** Specify paper presentation, poster, roundtable learn-at-lunch, or workshop.
- **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.
- **Proposal Submission:** The proposal submission must be less than 1,500 words though, if available, you may also attach your completed paper separately. Proposals must be blinded for review and prepared using the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th (2020) Edition format. Submit as either Word or PDF file. References are NOT included in the word count.
 - 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: (a) the significance of the topic/issue/problem to the field; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for stimulating scholarly discussion; (d) originality; and (e) methods planned to engage participants.
 - Workshop: (a) the relevance of the topic/issue/problem to the members of NRMERA; (b) clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the session; (c) potential for mentoring opportunities; and (d) methods planned to engage participants.
- **Program 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 truncated for the program if accepted.

Proposal Review

The program will consist of papers and other formats for educational research presentations that have been accepted by conference committee. All submissions will undergo a blind review by at least two reviewers. These reviewers are selected from the conference officers, the NRMERA Executive Board members, and interested members of NRMERA. If interested in becoming a reviewer, please indicate as much on the submission form.

Timeline for the Review Process:

1. April 1- Registration opens
2. April 29 (Monday)- Proposals Due
3. May-June - Proposals under Review
4. Early July - Individuals notified of the status of their proposal
5. August 30th – Final Day for early-bird pricing for registration
6. September 1- Final Day to book Hotel group