

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**2022 Annual Conference**  
**October 12-14**  
Double Tree Hotel  
Billings, MT



The **Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association's** 39<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held October 12-14, 2022, in Billings, Montana. NRMERA is the regional affiliate of the American Educational Research Association. We strive 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 and students.

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](http://www.nrmera.org).

Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Thursday, June 30, 2022.**

## **Conference Theme: "Focusing the Method: Lenses for Social Change"**

We invite researchers and practitioners to share their research and experiences related to focus group research and studies that illuminate work toward social justice. However, submissions focused on any area of educational research are welcome. Visit [www.nrmera.org](http://www.nrmera.org) for the link to submit your proposal for a paper session, poster presentation, roundtable learn-at-lunch, or symposium.

### **Session Formats for Presentations**

There are four different session formats, described below, 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 approximately 60 minutes with 15 minutes dedicated to each paper. (Thursday Morning – Friday Afternoon)

**Poster Presentation:** This session is also intended for reporting research results or analyzing issues of policy and practice. Posters include the same information as a research presentation. Presenters should have a professional poster prepared for display. There will be one 60-minute session, during which presenters stand by their posters and engage with conference attendees in a conversational approach. (Wednesday Night)

**Roundtable (Learn at Lunch):** 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 attendees may gather for "Learn at Lunch" discussions with the presenter about chosen topics. This session format will be approximately 60 minutes. (Thursday and Friday)

**Symposium:** Symposium differs from the other types of research presentations in that symposiums encourage discussion. A panel of experts will present or deliver their opinions or viewpoints on a chosen topic of discussion. This session format will be approximately 60 minutes. (Thursday Morning – Friday Afternoon)

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

Please submit your proposal electronically through the NRMERA website ([www.nrmera.org](http://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 learn-at-lunch, 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:** Abstracts will be included in the conference program. They should be blinded for review and no more than 50 words. Abstracts longer than 50 words will be truncated for the program if accepted.
- **2-3 Page Single-Space Proposal:** Proposals must be blinded for review and prepared using the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th Edition (2020) format. Submit as either Word or PDF file. 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, 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 2022 NRMERA Executive Board members and interested organization members will conduct a blind review of all submitted proposals. *If you are interested in becoming a reviewer, please indicate so on the submission form.*

Evaluation criteria includes:

- Specific 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

*Proposals are due by Thursday, June 30, 2022. Proposal submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal by the middle of August. Registration for the conference will also be open at that time. All presenters must be registered for the conference by September 16, 2022, or their session will be canceled.*

## Questions

Please contact Melanie Reaves ([melanie.reaves@msubillings.edu](mailto:melanie.reaves@msubillings.edu)) or Mel Sullivan-Walker ([melissa.walker4@msubillings.edu](mailto:melissa.walker4@msubillings.edu)), with any questions.