NRMERA 2025 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals must be submitted electronically by Monday, June 2, 2025

The 42nd Annual Conference of the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 1-3, 2025. 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.

We invite you to submit a proposal to share your educational research at this conference. Submit using this NRMERA 2025 Proposal Submission Form or by clicking the link on the NRMERA website (www.nrmera.org).

Conference Theme: "Education = Hope"

2025 is a year of seemingly deepening political and ideological divides. New problems in education are surfacing and old issues are frustratingly persistent. Despite the sometimes crushing opposition, we educators soldier on. At the core, all educational endeavors are acts of hope. Even if our research or teaching exposes troubling, persistent problems, we work, ultimately, with a hope that things can be better. We hope AI will enrich humankind (and not become a dystopian cautionary tale). We hope disparate voices and values can learn to work together. We hope our treatment will improve students' or teachers' lives. We hope administrators can effectively lead. We try, we fail, we study, we get up, and we try again. We share our work and these connections become a source of strength and a way to motivate us to persist in our endeavors. Meetings such as NRMERA buoy us up to continue moving forward.

NRMERA invites all proposals related to educational research, but especially those that give us glimpses of what we hope for in the future.

Session Formats for Presentations

There are five 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 and should include a brief literature review, methods, and results. Each session shall include a formal presentation followed by Q&A.

Poster Presentation: This session is also intended for sharing research or analyzing issues of policy and practice. These may be reports of research studies that are in progress or have concluded. Presenters should have a professional poster prepared for display. Individual presenters set up displays representing their papers in a large area with other presenters. They shall stand by their posters and engage with conference attendees in a conversational manner during the session.

Roundtable (Learn-at-Lunch): These sessions allow for greater interaction and less formality, and are particularly conducive to new presenters and graduate students. 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.

Symposium: A symposium provides an opportunity to examine specific research issues, problems, or topics from a variety of perspectives. Symposia may present alternative solutions, interpretations, or contrasting points of view on a specified subject or in relation to a common theme. Symposia may also use a panel discussion format targeted at a clearly delineated research issue or idea. Symposia may be quite interactive, where a large portion of the session may be devoted to activities, such as discussion among the presenters and attendees or small-group interaction.

Workshop: A workshop provides an opportunity to exchange information or work on a common problem, project, or shared interest. Presentations are brief, allowing adequate time for reflective discussion and interaction. The workshop format is designed for sessions that provide information relevant to the research process or other elements of the work of research professionals.

Submitting Proposals

Proposals shall be electronically submitted through the NRMERA 2025 Proposal Submission Form.

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, symposium, 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.
- **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 truncated for the program if accepted.
- **2-3 Page Proposal:** Proposals must be blinded for review and prepared using the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th Edition (APA 2020) format. Submit as either Word or PDF file. References should be listed at the end of the submission on a separate page. Proposals longer than 3 pages (not 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.
- **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.
- **Workshop:** Include the title, purpose, relevant background information, short review of relevant literature, a discussion of the educational importance of the topic being presented, the workshop format or methodology, and references. If applicable, include research methodology and results/conclusions.

Proposal Review

The 2025 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 include:

- 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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Important information:

- Proposal submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal by the middle of July.
- Registration for the conference will be open by early April. For **early-bird pricing, register before September 1.**
- Hotel group rates are now available, and are guaranteed for reservations made by **September 1.**
- *Presenters must be registered for the conference by September 15 or their session may be canceled.*

Questions

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