



**2025 MSERA ANNUAL MEETING
CALL FOR PROPOSALS/SUBMISSIONS**

Deadline June 30, 2025

New Orleans, Louisiana

November 5 – 7, 2025

Hilton New Orleans – St. Charles Avenue

Stefanie Sorbet, President

Keicia Hawkins and Mindy Waldrop, Program Chairs

THEME: “Cultivating a Community of Lifelong Researchers

In today’s evolving educational landscape, the most effective leaders are those who see research not as a requirement, but as a mindset—one that fuels innovation, equity, and continuous improvement. Cultivating a community of lifelong researchers among all educators ensures that data-driven decision making and reflective inquiry remain at the heart of all educational practices and leadership.

We invite education and scientific researchers, scholars, and practitioners at all levels to support and share the responsibility of examining complex issues and challenges facing the spectrum of educational contexts to report findings, discoveries, insights, methodologies, teaching and leadership strategies, and various perspectives. In the current educational climate, we must embrace the issues that individuals and communities face in the pursuit of education. Our work remains important, and we must continue to investigate and study topics that may challenge the status quo while maintaining a steadfast focus to do the work of educating the masses to aid in people’s quest for self-actualization. It is our responsibility as educators to advance knowledge, encourage scholarly inquiry related to all aspects of education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public for greater good.

The theme for the 2025 annual meeting asks the education community as an entity to cultivate a community of lifelong researchers. To do this we must engage the entire educational spectrum from P-12 through post-secondary across all P-20 systems. Now is the time to think critically about our work, develop theories and strategies of action, engage in multiple modes of inquiry, and implement ideas for professional practice that support education. We must examine educational processes through intersectional and other approaches. In addition, we should consider the policies and practices that will impact education for generations to come through solutions-based constructions.

General Information and Policies for Eligible Submission

This year's annual meeting will showcase and highlight the work across the mid-south to cultivate and elevate the future of education.

MSERA 2025: Wednesday, November 5 – Friday, November 7, 2025

- The Call for Submissions for the 2025 MSERA Annual Meeting offers opportunities for those in P-20 education to participate in and engage in a regional conference to cultivate conversations to strengthen the education community.
- MSERA invites several types of submissions in the form of abstracts, for the following sessions: an individual paper, symposium, training, poster presentation, or research in progress (RiP).
 - Paper: A paper submission is an individual paper with one or more co-authors of completed research presented in a paper or roundtable session.
 - Symposium: A symposium is an open forum or panel discussion on an educational topic.
 - Training: Training is a professional development, instructive session focused on relevant or popular topics in education.
 - Poster: Poster presentations showcase completed research or other educational topics.
 - Research in Progress (RiP): Research in Progress (RiP) presentations are an opportunity for university students only (see details at <https://www.msera.org/students>)
- All papers accepted are scheduled in 50-minute sessions with up to three papers presented during the session or roundtable discussion.
- Symposium and training sessions are scheduled in 50-minute sessions but may vary in length up to 90-minute based on session topic and focus. A training session may be scheduled as a 90-minute session.
- Poster presentations may vary in length depending on the available space at the conference site.
- Research in Progress (RiP) sessions affords university students an opportunity to present in a session or roundtable format.

- Those (individuals or groups of authors) advancing a paper, symposium, or training in response to this Call will determine in advance whether they wish to present in a session or roundtable if their submission is accepted. The decision to present cannot be changed after the submission system closes and acceptance decisions have been placed in the meeting program.
- The Annual Meeting program consists of papers, symposium, training, and poster presentations, selected through this open call, and based on a peer-review process guided by members of the association (MSERA) in good standing.
- MSERA also invites Research in-Progress (RiP) submissions from university students.
- Proposal requirements and the submission link can be found on the MSERA website. Only proposals submitted electronically via the link will be considered for acceptance. **The submission deadline is June 30, 2025.**
- Submitters acknowledge that their work complies and is in accord with the MSERA Code of Ethics and acknowledge that they adhere to standards of professional conduct.

Research in Progress (RiP): Submission Guidelines

Research in Progress (RiP) submissions are open to university students. Please review the submission guidelines using the link below.

[Research in Progress \(RiP\) submission guidelines.](#)

Paper Award Submissions

MSERA invites submissions for the [James E. McLean Outstanding Distinguished Paper Award](#), the [Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Dissertation/Thesis Award](#), [Research in Progress \(RiP\) Award](#), and the [Clifford Hofwolt RiP Stem Award](#).

All submissions for the outstanding distinguished paper, dissertation/thesis, and research in progress (RiP) award must be submitted as a proposal for the Annual Meeting AND adhere to specific instructions on the [MSERA Website](#).

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<https://www.msera.org/annual-meeting>

If you have any questions about the Call for Proposals/Submissions, please email the Program and Proceedings Committee Chairs: Keicia Hawkins (hawkinsk@nsula.edu) or Mindy Waldrop (mindy.waldrop@wku.edu)