



Call for Proposals 2010

The New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO) will hold its Annual Conference, **Wednesday through Friday, April 7-9, 2010 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire** at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel and Conference Center. The Executive Board of NEERO invites you to submit proposals for the 2010 conference. NEERO Board welcomes presentation proposals for papers, posters, symposia, and research-in-progress roundtables.

The annual conference also features a keynote address and several pre-conference workshops. We are in the final stages of confirming the list of invited speakers and workshop presenters. Please visit www.neero.org for updates on pre-conference workshops and other conference information.

Founded in 1969, the New England Educational Research Organization is a regional affiliate of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). NEERO currently has over 200 professional and student members from colleges and universities, public and private schools, state and local educational agencies, health and social service agencies, and private education firms. By tradition, NEERO extends a special invitation to graduate students and new researchers to participate in the conference. The pre-conference workshops, presentation sessions, formal receptions, and informal gatherings are designed to promote collegial discussion among researchers at various stages of their careers.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL (S): NEERO proposals are accepted through an electronic submission system. Instructions for preparing and submitting a proposal follow in this document. A link to submit proposals will be available on our conference website at www.neero.org beginning **September 15, 2009**. All proposals must be submitted through the website. Proposals can be submitted from **September 15 through October 26, 2009**.

**ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
11:59 P.M, E.D.T, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009.**

Proposal Format Guidelines

2010

NEERO welcomes presentation proposals for papers, posters, symposia, and research-in-progress roundtables. When you submit your proposal, you will be asked to identify it as relevant to one of eight strands (Curriculum and Instruction; Higher Education; Human Development and Learning; Leadership, Policy, and Education Reform; Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation; Research Methods; Diversity, Ethnic Studies, and Socio-Cultural Issues in Education; and Teaching and Teacher Education). The strands exist primarily to organize the review process and may not necessarily apply when we construct the final conference program.

There are four TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS:

PAPER: Paper sessions provide each author an opportunity to present a condensed version of his or her completed study. The research may focus on a question from an empirical or theoretical perspective. A response by a discussant will follow after all papers in the session have been presented.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS ROUNDTABLE: Roundtable sessions offer opportunities to obtain insights and suggestions from colleagues in an informal, interactive format in order to support a developing study. This category is particularly valuable for graduate students working on dissertations. Roundtables will be attended by a facilitator, who will help moderate the session.

SYMPOSIUM: A symposium consists of an integrated set of presentations related to the same topic. This format is especially well suited to partnerships among K-12 schools, universities, and/or private institutions. A symposium should include at least three, but no more than five presentations. Proposals should include the name of the symposium organizer (to whom all correspondence about the proposal will be sent) and an overall title for the symposium that will be included in the conference program. Symposium organizers are responsible for naming their own chair and discussant, if that is the format their symposium will take.

POSTER: Posters offer the opportunity to present a topic in display form rather than as a formal oral presentation. The poster presentation format is ideal for subjects for which a one-on-one explanation is more appropriate than a group presentation or topics which require detailed examination of the supporting materials.

Submitting a Proposal

Step 1: Complete a Cover Sheet and Abstract

The link to submit a proposal at www.neero.org will direct you to a form to complete a proposal cover page and abstract. ALL PROPOSALS must have a proposal cover page that includes

Contact Information for the primary presenter or symposium organizer

- Name
- Address
- Affiliation
- E-mail address
- Telephone number

Proposal Information

- Strand
- Type of Presentation (paper, symposium, roundtable, poster)
- Keywords (up to 3)
- Presentation title
- Contact information for secondary authors or symposium presenters (name, affiliation, e-mail address)

Abstract

- Your abstract must not exceed 150 words. Abstracts of accepted proposals will be posted as submitted to the NEERO website prior to the conference.

Step 2: Submit your Proposal Summary

When you complete and submit the cover page and abstract, you will be directed to a web page with a link to e-mail your proposal summary for review.

Your e-mail message must contain the following information:

- Type “NEERO Proposal” in the subject line of the e-mail.
- Please include your name, affiliation, and presentation title in the body of the e-mail to facilitate processing of the proposal.
- Be sure to use the same presentation title listed on your proposal cover sheet.
- Attach your proposal summary as an MS-WORD (.doc, .docx) or ADOBE (.pdf) file. The filename of your proposal summary should be your last name (e.g., smith.doc or smith.pdf). If you are submitting multiple proposals, include a number in the filename following your last name (e.g., smith1.docx or smith1.pdf).

Please be sure that the proposal summary in the attached file

- CONTAINS the presentation or symposium title(s) and
- DOES NOT CONTAIN identifying information for any authors or presenters.

There are two PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORMATS: Individual Proposals (paper, research in progress roundtable, and poster) and Group Proposals (symposium). The two proposal formats (individual and group) are different, and their elements and word lengths are set forth below. *Program chairs may reject a proposal without review if the abstract or proposal exceeds the word limits specified above.*

INDIVIDUAL PROPOSAL FORMAT

The individual proposal format (paper, research in progress roundtable, and poster) is limited to a summary of **1,000 words (or fewer)**, excluding references. The summary for empirical research papers should deal explicitly with the following topics, preferably in order:

1. Objectives or purposes of the study or work being presented;
2. Perspective(s) or theoretical framework;
3. Methods, techniques, or modes of inquiry;
4. Data sources or evidence;
5. Results and/or conclusions/point of view (preliminary, on-going, or complete); and
6. Educational or scientific significance of the study.

Please note that a paper or poster presentation is generally for more complete studies than those presented as a research in progress roundtable. For a research roundtable please also include the following:

7. What feedback do you hope to receive from session participants on your in-progress study?

GROUP PROPOSAL FORMAT

The group proposal format for the symposium is limited to a summary of **1,500 words** (or fewer), excluding references. A group session generally focuses on a common objective or theme, and a set of three or four papers/presentations provides perspectives on that topic. The proposal summary should deal explicitly with as many of the following topics as are appropriate, preferably in order:

1. Overall topic and objectives of the group session,
2. Educational or scientific significance of this topic,
3. For **each** presentation please include a single paragraph, which specifies:
 - significance, theoretical frame, methods, data source, conclusions,
4. Discussion of how the session will be structured.

General Information

- If you are submitting multiple proposals, a separate cover sheet/abstract and proposal summary must be submitted for each proposal.
- Both the cover sheet/abstract and proposal summary must be received by the October 26 deadline.
- When you complete the submission process, you will receive and acknowledgement of receipt via e-mail.
- You will receive a decision regarding your proposal via e-mail by December 31, 2009.
- All notifications will be sent only the primary author/presenter or symposium organizer. That person is responsible for notifying all participating co-authors.

Please visit <http://www.neero.org> regularly for up-to-date conference information. If you have questions or comments please contact Dr. Sarah Mackenzie at sarah.mackenzie@umit.maine.edu.

The NEERO Board looks forward to receiving your proposals!