AERA Education Research Conference Program
2021 Call for Proposals
Deadline: February 26, 2021

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is currently accepting proposals for grants up to $35,000 to support innovative research conferences in the field of education research.

2021 Call and Guidelines for Proposals

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) invites proposals for conferences in education research. AERA awards grants up to $35,000 to support research conferences intended to break new ground in substantive areas of inquiry, stimulate new lines of study on issues that have been largely unexplored, or develop innovative research methods or techniques that can contribute more generally to education research. Conferences may focus on conceptual, empirical, or methodological issues important to understanding the state of the knowledge and charting directions for future research. It is anticipated that research conferences will draw upon diverse disciplines and fields of inquiry where there is relevant scientific and scholarly expertise. The purpose of this program is to foster the accumulation of knowledge, to enhance dissemination, to encourage innovation, and to advance studies of the highest quality in education research.

Research Conference Format
Research conferences may vary in size, scope, format, and structure depending on the goals and the work to be accomplished. The typical size is 12–18 participants. Larger research conferences are feasible if they are appropriate to achieving the research objectives of the Call and if appropriate resources can be identified. Conferences funded through this initiative are usually two days long or may span three days.

- Conferences should generally take place within approximately 12 months after the funding decision is made.
- For some topics more sustained, longer-term efforts will be necessary to assess and synthesize diverse strands of research and develop new conceptual frameworks or methodological tools. In such cases, the principal investigator(s) may propose to convene two or more research-intensive meetings, typically over a 12–18-month period.
- This Call is NOT intended to fund or supplement conferences that occur on a regular basis or public lectures or conferences aimed at dissemination, broad discussion of a topic, or professional development.

Eligibility Requirements
The eligibility requirements below must be met when submitting a proposal:

- The principal investigator(s) must be a member of AERA at the time of submission.
- The principal investigator(s) must be affiliated with an academic institution, research institution, or other organization that will be responsible for administering the award. Joint proposals from cooperating institutions are appropriate.
- Conferences may be held only in the United States, unless the principal investigator(s) is an AERA member at an institution outside the United States and the proposed location is appropriate and cost effective given the goals of the conference.
- Individuals may submit conference proposals on behalf of an AERA division or SIG or more than one division or SIG. Interested divisions or SIGs may initiate discussion of potential research conferences by identifying education researchers whom they would like see to taking the lead on their behalf. The principal investigator(s) needs to develop and submit the proposal as well as lead the research conference, if funded. Those submitting such proposals need to specify (a) the potential division(s) or SIG(s) that will co-sponsor the conference, (b) why the division(s) or SIG(s) is interested in co-sponsorship, (c) the relevance to the research aims of the division or SIG, and (d) how co-sponsorship by that entity (those entities) will contribute to the research impact sought by the principal investigator(s) and those units.

The proposal deadline is **February 26, 2021**. For more information, please see the Call and Guidelines. Application must be submitted through the AERA online application portal. If you have questions about the Education Research Conferences Program, email edresearchconference@aera.net.