

FERA Call for Proposals

**2017 Annual Meeting – Cocoa Beach, FL
November 15-17, 2017**

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Deadline for Receipt September 1, 2017 (No Extensions)**

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Florida Educational Research Association will be held on November 15-17, 2017 at the Hilton Cocoa Beach in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Proposal Submission Procedures:

Following are guidelines for submitting paper and symposium proposals for the meeting. First, persons submitting a paper proposal for review must be current active members of FERA. Those who paid annual dues at the time of registration for the 2016 FERA Annual meeting are considered to have active memberships. Non-members who wish to submit proposals should join FERA before submitting proposals. Secondly, members whose papers are accepted will be asked to register in advance for the 2017 FERA Annual Meeting in order to ensure that the paper presentation is included in the program and appears in the program bulletin.

Timely submission of proposals is essential for program preparation. **Deadline for receipt of all paper and symposium proposals is 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017.** In fairness to proposal reviewers, this is a firm deadline. **In previous years, the deadline for submissions has been extended, but this year there will be no extensions beyond September 1, 2017.** Please forward proposals or questions about proposals to:

**Corinne Huggins-Manley, Proposal Review Committee Chair
Email: ahuggins@coe.ufl.edu Phone: (352) 273- 4342**

All program proposals must be submitted electronically via e-mail attachment to fera.proposal@gmail.com. The program will include papers, graduate student posters, and symposia on topics and issues of current interest to education professionals, especially those in Florida. Topics may include but not limited to research on:

Teaching and Learning	Classroom Assessment	Program Evaluation
Schools and Teachers	Large-scale Assessment	Students in Higher Education
Schools and Leadership	Accountability	Qualitative Research
Instructional Practices	Assessment on Special Populations	Statistics
Technology in Classrooms	Test Construction	Research Methodology
Teacher Education/Professional Development	Psychometrics	Meta Analysis

The program also will have invited speakers and papers or symposia presented by prominent educational research, measurement, and evaluation theorists and practitioners. The following are guidelines for submitting proposals.

Paper Presentations

Paper presentations should be prepared for an average 15 minute time span. If needed, please include a note in the Proposal Information to request a different allocation of time for the presentation. Individual papers will be grouped by topic into paper sessions. Each paper session will include an introduction by a session facilitator, presentation of the papers, and audience questions and reactions. All proposals for papers are eligible to be considered for the Distinguished Paper Award. Additional information on this award is included on the next page.

Symposia

A symposium provides an opportunity to examine specific problems, topics, or projects from a variety of perspectives. Papers presented in a symposium should be on the same theme and should complement each other. A symposium should provide an opportunity for presentations as well as dialogue, critique, and audience comments. Presentations should be organized within a 60-90 minute time period.

The organizer of a symposium is responsible for suggesting the topic, securing speakers, and arranging for a facilitator. If the symposium is accepted by the Program Committee, the organizer is responsible for assuring that everyone named as a participant (whether a presenter or facilitator) will be present at the meeting. If the organizer so desires, the Program Committee will secure a facilitator for the session. Should circumstances prevent a participant from attending the meeting, it is the organizer's responsibility to secure a suitable replacement and notify the FERA Program Committee of the substitution as soon as possible. The organizer is responsible for notifying all other symposium participants. The Program Committee will notify only the organizer.

Graduate Student Posters

This is a graduate student only session, but graduate students are not limited to this category. The poster session provides opportunities for graduate students to present their research accomplishments in a more interactive setting. For a paper to be presented in the Graduate Student Poster session, the first author of the paper must be a graduate student. All presented posters are considered for the Distinguished Graduate Student Poster Award. Graduate Student Poster proposals have a separate review process. For details, please refer to “FERA 2016 Call for Graduate Student Poster Proposals” at FERA’s website. **DO NOT** submit Graduate Student Poster proposals using the process outlined in this general call for papers.

Other Presentation Formats

Alternative formats for presenting research will be considered. Indicate on the proposal cover sheet if you would prefer presenting in an alternative format and suggest the format you desire.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FERA members may submit paper proposals for consideration. Non-members must join FERA at the time the proposal is submitted for review. Proposals must be submitted electronically as e-mail attachments. Microsoft Word is the strongly preferred format, but pdfs, rich text files (.rtf) or plain text files (.txt) are acceptable alternatives. **Create two files: the Proposal Information file and the Proposal Summary file.**

The **Proposal Information** file should include the following specific items. You need not copy each item title; simply present your information in the order given below.

- a. Title of the paper or symposium.
- b. Desired session format (paper, symposium, panel discussion, etc.). For graduate student poster proposals, please refer to “Call for Graduate Student Poster Proposals” at FERA’s website. Do not submit poster proposals to the address below.
- c. First author's name and institutional affiliation.
- d. First author's e-mail address, USPS address, telephone number, and fax number.
- e. Names of co-authors or co-presenters (if co-presenters will address different topics, such as in a symposium, list the topic for each co-presenter) and their institutional affiliations.
- f. If proposal is for a symposium, list the names and institutional affiliations of the organizer(s) and facilitator of the symposium.
- g. Abstract of the proposal. It should not exceed 100 words.
- h. Indicate authors with graduate student status so they can be included in FERA graduate student mailings.

The separate **Proposal Summary** file should not exceed five pages, double spaced. **DO NOT IDENTIFY THE AUTHOR(S) OR THEIR INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE SUMMARY.** This will provide for a blind review of the proposal. This file should include:

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| a. Title of the paper or symposium | e. Method |
| b. Purpose | f. Results and conclusions |
| c. Rationale and background | g. Limitations |
| d. Data source (population, sample, setting) | h. Implications |

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11:59 p.m. **September 1, 2017.**

By **September 1, 2017** non-members should go online to complete the FERA membership form and pay membership dues (or to print the form and mail it to the address on the form). Papers will only be reviewed and considered for FERA members.

Current members should submit their registration form, membership renewal, and payment for the 2017 FERA Annual Meeting no later than **October 13, 2017**. Papers will not be included in the program if the author has not registered for the conference.

All submitters will be notified of the status of their proposals by **October 5, 2017**. If you would like your paper to be considered for the Distinguished Paper award, please send a copy of your completed paper to Dr. Robert Dedrick (dedrick@usf.edu), Chair of the Distinguished Paper Review Committee by **Friday, October 20, 2017** (four weeks before the conference).

If you would like to be considered for the Educational Researcher of the Year award, please send a nomination letter (can be self-nominated) and a curriculum vitae to Dr. Robert Dedrick (dedrick@usf.edu), Chair of the Educational Research of the Year award by **Friday, October 20, 2017** (four weeks before the conference).