Iowa Educational Research and Evaluation Association: 2011 Call for Proposals

2011 IEREA Annual Conference

Bridging Research and Practice to Meet Educational Challenges

Scheman Auditorium

Ames, Iowa

Friday, December 2, 2011

Poster Information

Iowa educators are invited to submit proposals to present their research at IEREA’s annual conference in Ames. The theme for the annual conference will focus on conceptual, methodological, and practical ways in which research and practice can be used to meet educational challenges. Faculty members, graduate students, and education professionals conducting research related to education are invited to submit proposals based on their current work. Additionally, individuals involved in school-based or university-school collaborative research studies, innovative program evaluations, and work related to technical issues of assessment are also encouraged to submit proposals.

IEREA utilizes a poster presentation format designed to foster dialogue among presenters and conference attendees. To maximize interaction during the poster sessions, posters will be displayed in an open space with sufficient room to congregate, browse, and discuss. Instructions for displaying research in a poster format will be sent to presenters of all accepted posters.

At least one presenter per poster must register to attend the IEREA Conference. Details are provided upon acceptance of the proposal. For more information about IEREA and the 2011 annual conference, visit: www.ierea.org

Poster Proposal Submission Information

The deadline to submit poster proposals is 5:00 pm, Friday September 30, 2011. Submissions must include two copies of the proposal. One copy of the proposal should contain author name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and complete contact information for the coordinating presenter all on a separate cover sheet. The second copy of the proposal should contain no author names, titles, or contact information in order to facilitate blind review of all proposals.

The poster proposal itself should be no more than three (3) double-spaced pages (excluding references) with reasonable margins and minimum 11-point type. Each proposal must include the following: Title of Poster, Abstract (maximum 50 words), Goals/Objectives, Design and Methods, Results, Significance/Impact, References. Proposals will be evaluated on the following: importance of the topic within education, soundness of design, evidence of contributions to theory and practice, quality of writing, potential for effective display, and suitability/readiness for presentation.

Individuals submitting poster proposals are also eligible to submit their research for the Distinguished Research Award. If you wish to submit your research for this award, please use the requirements and deadlines for submission of the Distinguished Research Award described below.

Proposal should be submitted using E-mail (please type “IEREA Proposal” in the email Subject line), and receipt of proposals will be acknowledged via return e-mail. Confirmations of acceptance or rejection will be sent via e-mail in mid-October. Send all poster proposals to:

Dr. Robyn Cooper at robyn.cooper@drake.edu
Assistant Professor/Director of Doctoral Program
Drake University – 3206 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311
Poster Research/Best Practices Awards

The IEREA Poster Awards highlight excellence in education research and/or best practices as related to research, innovative program evaluations, and work related to technical issues of assessment. All participants whose proposals are accepted for a poster presentation and attend the poster session they are assigned to will be eligible for a poster research/best practice award. A panel of judges will review the posters during the poster presentation sessions and determine the award recipients. Posters will be evaluated on the following: importance of topic within education, evidence of contributions to education research and/or best practices, and technical and visual quality of poster. There will be up to six $50 awards presented. Each award recipient will be presented with a $50.00 gift card during the presentation of awards at the 2011 IEREA conference.

Distinguished Research Award

The IEREA Distinguished Research Award highlights excellence in education research for a single study by an Iowa researcher. This award is open to all Iowa educational researchers. Each state and regional research association has the opportunity to select a distinguished paper for international recognition at AERA. A panel of Iowa judges determines the award recipient(s) on behalf of IEREA.

The 2011 IEREA Distinguished Research Award includes:
1) A reserved time to present the research at the 2011 IEREA conference in Ames, IA on Dec. 2, 2011
2) An invitation to present the research at the 2012 AERA conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Friday, April 13 - Tuesday, April 17, 2012,
3) A travel stipend of $1,000.00 to help support the AERA attendance, and
4) A plaque commemorating the award.

Paper Submission Information

All submissions for the Distinguished Research Award must meet the following requirements.

The award recipient(s) must register for and attend the IEREA conference on Dec. 2, 2011 in Ames and present the research during a reserved session.

Paper proposals must be prepared for blind review using a separate cover sheet and should include: paper title, author’s/authors’ name(s), address(es), phone number(s), and e-mail(s). Graduate student submissions should also include major professor’s name, address, phone, and e-mail address. Papers are to be formatted in Word or Rich Text using APA style (most recent guidelines), on 8.5 X 11 inch paper, double-spaced with reasonable margins using at least an 11-point font. Papers are not to exceed 30 pages and should include: title page, abstract (50 word maximum), goals/objectives, design and methods, results, significance/impact, tables/graphs/charts/figures and appendices and references. Papers exceeding the maximum page length will be disqualified.

Papers will be evaluated on the following: importance of topic within education, soundness of design (where appropriate, effect size is noted), evidence of contributions to theory and practice, technical quality of writing, and suitability/readiness for presentation at AERA. The reported research must be current or continuing and have reportable results by December 2, 2011.

All IEREA paper submissions are due by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 7, 2011, to be eligible for consideration. Please submit all electronic papers by e-mail using the heading “IEREA Research Award <lastname>” to:
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