

▶ CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submit your proposal by Tuesday, March 26, 2019



National Forum to **Advance Rural Education**

111th NREA Convention and Research Symposium

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ABOUT THIS EVENT

For most rural school districts in this country, collaboration is not a choice, it is a necessity. Collaboration elevates the voice of rural districts and empowers isolated educators, administrators, and students. To make 21st century learning a reality for rural students, we must lead together.

In this spirit, Battelle for Kids and the National Rural Education Association (NREA) will host the 2019 National Forum to Advance Rural Education and 111th NREA Convention and Research Symposium.

At this annual event, a diverse community of national experts, K–12 and higher education practitioners, leading researchers, policymakers, and philanthropic leaders come together to learn, collaborate, and lead 21st century learning in rural schools. By leading together, we can help communities innovate and leverage local assets to create meaningful learning experiences for rural students.

WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE

Louisville is an entirely different type of Southern that combines heritage with innovation, authenticity with originality, quirkiness with friendliness in a way that's completely unique to the region. Discover one-of-a-kind attractions like the legendary Churchill Downs, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, and the Muhammad Ali Center.

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR DYNAMIC PRESENTERS

At the 2019 National Forum to Advance Rural Education, presenters have an opportunity to inspire and impact rural education leaders and practitioners by sharing their research, stories, resources, and ideas. This year's event theme is *Leading Rural Together*, which will focus on collaborating and developing local solutions that are sustainable in rural schools and communities. The following are suggested presentation topics around our three event strands:



ENVISION

- ▶ Engaging rural communities to create a Portrait of a Graduate, a local vision for student success
- ▶ Transforming your school to revitalize your rural community
- ▶ Turning your vision into reality for the rural student experience
- ▶ Exploring how diversity, equity, and inclusion can help redefine student success



EMPOWER

- ▶ Leading transformation in rural districts
- ▶ Building your local talent pipeline
- ▶ Aligning your local vision for student success with state systems
- ▶ Growing your system of continuous improvement
- ▶ Using technology to address needs of rural students and educators



ENGAGE

- ▶ Building mutually beneficial relationships with higher education
- ▶ Engaging rural students to help transform their learning experiences
- ▶ Collaborating with state education agencies
- ▶ Improving career and technical education through strategic partnerships
- ▶ Building the capacity of teachers to meet the needs of diverse learners
- ▶ Connecting with parents and families



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SESSION TYPES

Research Symposium Sessions

These 20-minute sessions showcase leading research on rural education issues. Proposals for research presentations should provide a summary of the research that addresses the following: (a) purpose/rationale of study; (b) method (including data sources); (c) findings; (d) conclusions, and (e) references. Research proposals will be peer reviewed by at least three members of the NREA research committee, and selected based on reviewer scoring and recommendations. Authors of top-scoring research proposals will compete for the distinguished Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award. Submitting authors of a small number of top-scoring research proposals will be invited to send the full paper to be read and judged by the awards subcommittee.

60-Minute Sessions

Interactive, engaging learning sessions that facilitate dialogue on topics critical to rural education, showcase diverse perspectives and stories, and build meaningful connections.

75-Minute Workshops

Designed to be hands-on, interactive, and collaborative, the 75-minute workshops explore issues and discuss solutions relevant to rural education in depth.

60 MIN
LEARNING SESSION

**RESEARCH
SYMPOSIUM**
SESSION

75 MIN
WORKSHOP



Online Proposal Submission

Submit your proposal online at surveymonkeys.com/r/ruraledcfp19

Proposals must be submitted by **March 26, 2019.**

We cannot accommodate special time and date requests for presentations. Please be sure you are available to present your session any time during the event.

Proposal Selection

Proposals will be reviewed and selected based on the following criteria:

- ▶ **RELEVANCE**—is the topic relevant to rural education?
- ▶ **ENGAGEMENT**—will the session promote meaningful engagement with attendees?
- ▶ **INNOVATION**—does the session present fresh ideas or resources?
- ▶ **IMPLEMENTATION**—will the session topic and resources help implementation of 21st century learning in rural communities?

The primary proposal contact will receive an e-mail notification regarding acceptance status by early May, along with information on next steps if the proposal is accepted.

PRESENTER REGISTRATION

Registration is required for attendance. If accepted, up to two presenters will receive a discounted registration rate of \$300 each. All sessions will take place on October 24–25.



IMPORTANT DATES

Late February
Registration opens

Tuesday, March 26
Proposal submission deadline

Early May
E-mail notification of proposal status

CONFERENCE DATES

OCTOBER 24–26, 2019



VENUE

LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
280 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky, 40202



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