



NATIONAL FORUM TO  
ADVANCE RURAL EDUCATION



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# CALL FOR PRESENTERS

PROPOSALS DUE MARCH 31, 2023

November 16-17, 2023 • Chattanooga Marriott Downtown • Chattanooga, TN



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# PRESENT WITH US IN 2023

The National Forum to Advance Rural Education is one of the country's leading rural education conferences. The event is designed to create an environment for collaboration and innovation with a diverse community that includes national experts, K-12 and higher education practitioners, leading researchers, policymakers, and philanthropic leaders from around the country.

Hundreds of attendees from across the United States will have the opportunity to discover and experience the latest rural innovations, best practices, research, and more. Join us in person in Chattanooga, TN or virtually on November 16-17, 2023 and consider attending the NEW pre-conference on November 15.

## WAYS TO SHARE



### IN-PERSON SESSIONS

*Presenters will present in-person in*

*Chattanooga, TN on November 16 or 17. In-person sessions will not be live streamed and will not be required to submit a recorded presentation.*



### VIRTUAL SESSIONS

*Presenters will submit a*

*pre-recorded version of their presentation for on-demand viewing. There will be no live component for virtual sessions.*

Just as attendees have two ways to participate, presenters will have the option to present in-person or virtually. In-person presenters will follow the typical event model of presenting onsite in Chattanooga during a designated time. Virtual presenters will be required to pre-record their sessions and submit them prior to the event.

## WHY SHARE?

By presenting at the 2023 National Forum to Advance Rural Education, presenters will have the opportunity to share their research, strategies, and ideas, and positively impact hundreds of rural education leaders and practitioners from across the country.



Collaborate with experts in the field.



Receive a \$100 conference registration discount.



Receive recognition for and feedback about your practice or program.



Expand your professional learning opportunities.

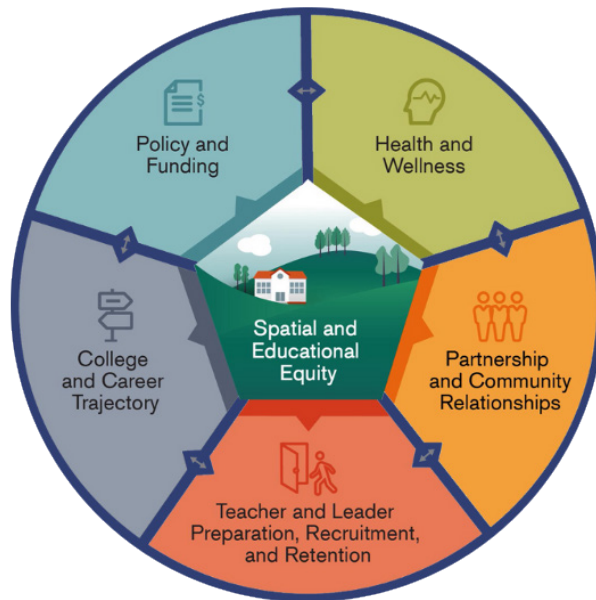


Be part of a dynamic community committed to rural education.

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## WHAT TO SHARE

This year's event theme will build upon last year's theme, *Raising Rural: A Fair Chance for a Good Life*, which will explore the six themes of NREA's Rural Research Agenda:



*Designed in Collaboration with NREA's Research and Higher Education Committee*



**SPATIAL AND EDUCATIONAL EQUITY:** Spatial and educational equity are conceptualized in two ways in this agenda: 1) spatial inequity, or how equity challenges are related to place, and 2) how equity, or rather, inequity relate to diverse identities and social circumstances present within the rural school and community.



**HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** This theme includes two major subthemes: mental health inequities and the effects of chemical/drug dependency on the whole community.



**PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS:** This category identifies the richness and strengths found in rural educational partnerships while also recognizing the tensions that sometimes complicate community relationships. This agenda suggests partnership research is pivotal to addressing inequities and building upon rural education assets.



**TEACHER AND LEADER PREPARATION, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION:** Workforce is a pressing issue for rural schools. The agenda suggests research that addresses recruitment of new teachers and leaders, retention of current educators, and teacher preparation programs that prepare candidates for positions in rural communities.



**COLLEGE AND CAREER TRAJECTORY:** This category recognizes the need for research on both college and career pathways for rural students, including expectations and aspirations, access to information and academic offerings, and transition to post-secondary pathways.



**POLICY AND FUNDING:** The agenda calls for attention to issues ranging from inequitable funding to local and state governance to adoption of policies that leverage the strengths of rural educational settings.



# HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

PROPOSALS DUE MARCH 31, 2023

1.

SELECT  
IN-PERSON OR  
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2.

SELECT  
PRESENTATION  
FORMAT



## 20-MINUTE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

These 20-minute sessions showcase leading research on rural education issues. Proposals for research presentations should be blinded and provide a summary of the research that addresses the following: background and relevance to rural education and the conference, purpose and research questions, method, findings (preliminary for proposal or finalized/approved for presentation), discussion of implications for rural education, and references. Research proposals will be peer reviewed by 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

These sessions are intended to go into more depth around innovative or promising practices aligned with the event theme and guiding questions in a 60-minute format. The style of your session can range from an in-depth and interactive learning experience, to a panel discussion, to an informal conversation where audience participation is the main component.

3.

PROVIDE PRESENTATION  
AND PRESENTER  
INFORMATION



**PROVIDE** the following information: Presenter and co-presenter contact information, session title and description, the theme that your session best aligns, and what resources they can expect to take away from your session. For Research Symposium Sessions, you will also need to upload a document containing the following: Purpose and research questions, research method, research findings, and discussion of implications for rural education, and references.

# SUBMISSION, SELECTION, & REGISTRATION

## ONLINE SUBMISSION

Submit your proposal online by **March 31, 2023**. We cannot accommodate special time/date requests. In-person presenters must be available to present on November 16 or 17.

## PROPOSAL SELECTION

The primary proposal contact will receive an email notification regarding acceptance status by mid-April, along with information on next steps.

## PRESENTER REGISTRATION

If accepted, up to two presenters will receive a **discounted registration fee** of \$300/person for in-person presenters or \$100/person for virtual presenters. Registration will be required for acceptance.

READY TO SUBMIT?

SUBMIT IN-PERSON PROPOSAL

SUBMIT VIRTUAL PROPOSAL

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the event team at [nfare@nrea.site](mailto:nfare@nrea.site).

“As always, I love coming to this conference! I repeatedly tell people it feels like my conference home.”

“This is the most down to earth, unassuming and frankly, fun group of conference goers I have experienced.”

“I love this conference each year and I will continue to attend.”

“This event was the best conference I have attended as a rural school administrator.”

“My favorite and most important conference every year.”