

African Educational Research Network (AERN)
2018 SUMMIT, GHANA, JUNE 25 – 28, 2018

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

PROGRAM CHAIR: Emmanuel Jean-Francois, Ohio University

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

[The African Educational Research Network \(AERN\)](#) proudly invites you to submit proposals for panels, workshop, roundtable discussions, virtual presentation, and poster presentation that examine current issues, scholarship, and debates in all areas related to Africa and the African diaspora. Professional/scholars, students, practitioners, and retired individuals from any discipline. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Education and Development in Africa

Research and Scholarship on Africa

Africa and the African Diaspora

Reflective Practices on Africa

Culture, Language, and Literacy in Africa

STEM, STEM education, and Development in Africa

Politics, Public Policy, and Development in Africa

Justice, Democracy, Human Rights, and Development in Africa

Environment, Sustainability, and Development in Africa

SESSION TYPES

1. **Concurrent Panel:** A concurrent panel features a maximum of three individual oral presentations, grouped under a particular conference topic. Each presentation is limited to 15-20 minutes, and an additional 5-10 minutes for question and answer (Q&A) or group discussion. Presenters are encouraged to include visual aids such as paper handouts, computer slides, or digital displays that might enhance their oral presentation. Concurrent panels may last up to 90 minutes.

A presentation in a concurrent panel can be a:

- 1.1. ***Research paper:*** Presentation of findings from an empirical research study. An empirical study should clearly include a problem statement or justification, stated research questions, theoretical or conceptual framework, population and sample, data collection procedures, analytic approach, findings, conclusion, and references.
 - 1.2. ***Scholarly paper:*** A research presentation from secondary data analysis, literature review, or conceptual framework. A scholarly paper should include an introduction, a thesis or a purpose statement, theoretical or conceptual framework, data sources and analytical procedures, key findings or arguments, conclusion, and references.
 - 1.3. ***Research in progress:*** Presentation based on an ongoing research project or study. A research in progress presentation should at least include a problem statement or justification, stated research questions, and any additional information related to the current and future states of the study.
 - 1.4. ***Reflective practice:*** Presentation based on a reflective practice by a scholar, a scholar-practitioner, or a practitioner. A reflective practice paper should include an introduction, a thesis or a purpose statement, a context, a framework guiding the reflection, key reflective assertions or considerations, or arguments, conclusion, and references.
2. **Workshop:** A workshop is intended for teaching to participants a new skill, techniques or proficiencies on a particular topic or subject. A workshop should include practical applications, and should take advantage of participatory teaching strategies. A workshop may last up to 90 minutes.
 3. **Roundtable:** A roundtable is envisioned to allow time and space for an informed discussion and/or debate under a topic or an issue. A roundtable should include at least three presenters, including a selected chair facilitating the discussions. A roundtable may last up to 60 minutes.
 4. **Virtual Presentation:** A virtual presentation is for an individual who is unable to attend the conference in person to present using an online platform. A virtual presentation may part of a concurrent panel, a roundtable, or as a stand-alone session. One-day summit registration is required.
 5. **Poster Presentation:** A poster presentation highlights preliminary results of work-in-progress by way of visual display. It could also highlight projects that lend themselves to visual displays and representations. Although displays typically include posters (maximum 4' x 6'), other forms of display such as digital/computer-based, and artwork are welcome. Each display should feature a concise description of the purpose and procedures of the work. Presenters are encouraged to share handouts that might clarify or expand on the contents of the poster. Presenters are solely responsible for organizing their display materials, and doing so in accordance with the space designations of the conference. The session featuring poster presentations is 60 minutes in length.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The following information is required for all presentation proposals:

1. A *title page* that includes:
 - Session type, title and abstract
 - Name(s) of, and contact information for all proposed speakers
 - Conference topic
 - Audio-visual needs
2. A *detailed description of your proposed presentation* (maximum 500 words), within which you:
 - Describe the purpose, goal(s), and/or objectives of the presentation;
 - Summarize the methods or procedures used to collect data or information for the presentation;
 - Outline some key findings or claims that your participants should expect; and
 - List two or more learning outcomes that participants will obtain as a result of your presentation.

Please, upload the "**CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT FORM**" to your computer, complete, and submit to the conference proposal website, [Easy Chair](#).

SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

At "Easy chair", you will be prompted to create a "user name" and "password".

Once you have a "user name" and a "password", you will be able to login, and submit your "**CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT FORM**".

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Originality of the proposed presentation
- Clarity of content for the proposed presentation
- Applicability to the conference theme
- Relevance to both U.S. and international audiences

SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS

The AERN will publish a digital Summit Proceedings. If you would like your paper to be included in the Proceedings, please consider submitting it by April 30, 2018. Please, follow carefully the guidelines.

Conditions for Inclusion: Only authors who actually register for the conference are eligible to submit a paper to the Proceedings.

Deadline: All submissions must be made by 5:00pm PST, April 30, 2017. Submissions after that date will NOT be considered.

Publication format: The Summit Proceedings will be published online.

Paper format

1. Your paper should be 8-15 **single spaced** pages, including the references.
2. Please, **double spaced** between paragraphs.
3. Set margins at 1” top, right, and bottom, and 1.5” for left margin.
4. Font for text of entire article: Times New Roman.
5. **TITLE (14 pt. font, all caps, centered, bold) 1 inch from top of page**
6. Author Name, Position, institutional affiliation, and email. 12 point font.
7. **ABSTRACT:** Text of abstract 150-250 words or less, single spaced. Begin text immediately following colon, as shown here. PLEASE NOTE: While text of abstract is 10 point, the word “*ABSTRACT*” is in 12 point font and italicized.
8. Body of Text. Begin all paragraphs flush to margin. **Single space** within paragraph. **Double space** between paragraphs.
9. **References.** (Word “**References**” in 12 pt. font, bold, as with all center & side heading per APA)
10. Please, follow APA 6th edition throughout.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

The Program Committee will review only complete proposals. Incomplete proposals will be automatically rejected. All proposals must be in English and submitted online. We are unable to accept proposals sent by email, hard copy, or fax.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE

The early deadline to submit proposals is December 31, 2017. The final deadline for proposal submission is March 30, 2018. Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until March 30, 2017.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

If your proposal is accepted, the conference pre-registration **MUST** be paid as soon as possible thereafter or by April 1, 2018. Payment of the pre-registration fee will result in a final acceptance. Only those participants who are pre-registered by April 1, 2018 and receive a notification of final acceptance will be published in the program.

Conference registration instructions will be posted on the [AERN website](#) soon and with all correspondence to those who submit proposals.

LETTERS OF INVITATION

Upon confirmation of your registration, AERN will provide a letter of invitation to assist individuals in need of visas or securing funding.