



WERA Congress

22-24 June 2027

Bilbao - Spain

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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Deadline for Submission: 15 November 2026; 23:59 Central European Time (CET)

The [World Education Research Association \(WERA\)](http://www.weracongress2027.es) invites submissions for papers, posters, and symposia for the WERA Congress to be held from 22-24 June 2027, with a pre-conference on 21 June, at the University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, mutually supporting capacity building, and promoting the use and application of education research around the world. WERA aims to undertake initiatives that are global in nature and thus transcend what any one association can accomplish in its own country, region, or area of specialization. WERA also includes individual and institutional member affiliates.

WERA Congress 2027 Theme: Many Contexts, One Global Inquiry: Rethinking Education Research Together

Around the world, education research across contexts of learning addresses strikingly similar issues and aims to be relevant to policy and practice. Whatever the topic—access and equity, diversities, culture, values and identity, artificial intelligence, science, technology-supported learning, teaching effectiveness, policy impacts, or workforce preparation, to name but a few—common questions and concerns drive inquiry. Scholars and students alike have been increasingly drawn to connecting their work to research in other countries, cultures, and contexts. There is also growing interest in building cumulative knowledge and critiquing the strengths of findings and inferences through the lens of multiple perspectives enriched by studies conducted in a variety of global contexts.

The **WERA Congress 2027 is a unique global scientific gathering convened directly by WERA in Bilbao, Spain, and is only the 2nd WERA Congress in the 17-year WERA history.** The WERA Congress brings together the worldwide education research community across countries, regions, disciplines, and research traditions and, unlike annual WERA Focal Meetings, is not hosted in partnership with WERA member associations. It provides a distinctive space for education researchers who share a commitment to advancing knowledge through international, comparative, cross-cultural, and transnational perspectives. Diverse research traditions, methodologies, and contexts come into dialogue, fostering collaborations that transcend national and disciplinary boundaries.

The WERA Congress 2027 therefore invites papers, posters, and symposia from submitters drawn to the opportunity to advance knowledge and foster a reimagining of education research with a worldwide perspective at its core. This second WERA Congress in particular seeks to attract significant international, transnational, and comparative scholarship and to encourage presentations that critically examine methodologies, measures, and modes of inquiry to support such work. Submissions that explore and explain commonalities and differences across countries and regions are sought. Also welcomed are submissions that address worldwide opportunities or constraints in advancing education research and fostering innovations in communication, collaboration, and networking.

Scope of the WERA Congress 2027

The scope of the WERA Congress is wide in its reach to include studies under this overarching theme across the life span from early learning to workforce and adult education, and that take place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning. The emphasis of the Congress is on papers, posters, and symposia with a lens that is worldwide in perspective. In general, the WERA Congress seeks to feature research that is comparative, cross-cultural, international, or transnational in conceptualization, scope, or design.

Paper and poster submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries if the presentations combined are from different countries, and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. Papers, posters, and symposia submissions are encouraged to synthesize knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Otherwise, there is no restriction on the education research topics appropriate for consideration, although priority will be given to submissions that focus on research and findings addressing significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

Who is Welcome to Submit?

Scholars and advanced graduate students with a worldwide perspective in education research are encouraged to submit papers, posters, and symposia to the WERA Congress 2027. Submissions may be submitted to be presented at a paper or poster session. Scholars wishing to organise symposia are also encouraged to submit. Abstracts submitted for review can be written in English, Spanish, or Basque.

Guidelines for Submission to WERA

Paper, poster, and symposium submissions can be submitted in English, Spanish, or Basque through the online portal on the WERA Conference website at www.weracongress2027.es. Submissions are only accepted online. You do not need to be or become a WERA member to submit an abstract for the WERA Congress 2027. To submit, proceed to the “[Submission page](#)” and click on “[English](#)” submissions. Continue with your abstract submission for a paper, poster, or symposium.

The deadline to submit is **15 November 2026; 23:59 Central European Time (CET)**.

Guidelines for Paper Submissions:

Paper summaries are approximately 500 words and consist of: a.) “Proposal Information/Research/Questions and Theoretical Approach” (250 words); b.) “Methods” (100 words); and c.) “Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance” (150 words), in addition to the paper title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary and must be outlined in the reference list. Also, a 150-word abstract suitable for publication must be submitted. For multiply-authored papers, the first author of the paper is responsible for submission, even if that individual is not the paper presenter.

Guidelines for Poster Submissions:

Poster sessions are visual displays of research findings, which provide the presenter with an opportunity for discussion of the research and findings. Submissions for poster sessions parallel the requirements for paper submissions, including a summary of up to 500 words that additionally addresses any unique elements particularly appropriate for a poster. Poster summaries are approximately 500 words and consist of: a.) “Proposal Information/Research/Questions and Theoretical Approach” (250 words); b.) “Methods” (100 words); and c.) “Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance” (150 words), in addition to the poster title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary and must be outlined in the reference list. Also, a 150-word abstract suitable for publication must be included. Work with initial findings or in early stages of development and studies that are best conveyed with data analytic methods or pictorial or hands-on displays might be especially appropriate for a poster.

Guidelines for Symposium Submissions:

A symposium provides opportunities, not afforded by a single paper, to examine a specific education research problem or topic through an international, comparative, or worldwide lens and to bring to bear diverse perspectives, intensive discussion, or a wide range of expertise. Symposium abstracts are a maximum of 250 words. Submissions also include 150-word summaries for each presentation/paper in a symposium and allow for up to ten references for each presentation. References cited in the summaries must be outlined in the reference list. Symposium proposals are submitted by an organizer who may or may not serve as a chair, presenter, or discussant. A WERA symposium can include a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 papers. Symposium participants include all presenters and any discussants.

Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer-reviewed by the WERA Review Committee. Criteria include the *worldwide* significance of the research questions, the soundness of the methodology, the appropriateness of the methods to the research questions, the importance of the findings, and the overall logic and clarity of the conclusions and implications of the research.

Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Notification of acceptance decisions will be provided by **15 January 2027**. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters, AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register for the WERA Congress by 1 March 2027. All presentations are in-person; virtual participation is not available.

Registration

Registration is available online on the WERA Congress 2027 website at www.weracongress2027.es. Registration is open for Early Bird registrants until 1 March 2027. Discounted rates will apply. Regular registration at full conference rates will end on 16 April 2027. In addition, registration for the WERA Congress 2027 includes a one-year complimentary WERA Individual membership. All attending authors are considered presenters and must register by 1 March 2027.

Important Dates for the WERA Congress 2027

15 September 2026	Submission starts
15 November 2026	Submission ends
15 January 2027	Decisions announced
1 March 2027	Early bird registration deadline
1 March 2027	All presenting authors to be registered (for inclusion in the programme)
30 March 2027	Authors notified of preliminary date and time of presentation
16 April 2027	Regular registration deadline
21 June 2027	Pre-Conference workshops and tours
22-24 June 2027	WERA Congress 2027

For further information on the WERA Congress 2027, including information on lodging, workshops, special tours, events, and so forth, visit the conference website at www.weracongress2027.es.

For submission, travel, accommodation, and/or other queries, please email the WERA Congress 2027 at info@weracongress2027.es.

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