

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**WERA FOCAL MEETING**  
**A Tenth Year Anniversary**  
**5-8 August 2019**  
**The University of Tokyo, Japan**

**Deadline for Submission:**  
**January 31, 2019; 23:59 Tokyo Time (GMT +9)**

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The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers, symposia, and posters for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 5 to 8 August, 2019. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. The WERA 2019 Focal Meeting is an integral part of the annual conference of the Japanese Educational Research Association (JERA) and consists of a program of paper, symposia, and poster sessions on topics of world-wide emphases and significance. WERA Focal Meetings are embedded in the conference of a WERA member association.

In general, the WERA Focal Meeting seeks to feature research that includes more than one country or 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 as long as the presentations combined are from different countries and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. Duplicate submission through the JERA and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.

Founded in 2009, WERA is celebrating its tenth anniversary at the Focal Meeting in Tokyo. Papers and session submissions are encouraged that aim to synthesize knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Scholarly papers and symposia with that goal in mind will be featured at the 2019 meeting.

### **Who Should Submit?**

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting. Papers may be submitted to be presented at paper sessions or poster sessions. Scholars wishing to organize symposia that feature research paper presentations from multiple countries or parts of the world are also encouraged to submit.

### **Scope of the Focal Meeting**

The scope of the Focal Meeting is wide in its reach to include studies 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 Focal Meeting is on papers, posters, and symposia *with a lens that is worldwide in perspective*. 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 addressed to significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

## Guidelines for Submission to WERA Focal Meeting

Paper, poster, and symposia submissions must be submitted through the online portal on the WERA-JERA 2019 conference website at <http://wera-tokyo.com>.

The deadline to submit is **January 31, 2019; 23:59 Tokyo Time (GMT +9)**.

### *Paper Submissions:*

Paper summaries are a maximum of 750 words on: a.) "Proposal Information/Research/Questions and Theoretical Approach" (350 words); b.) "Methods" (150 words); and c.) "Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance" (250 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 set forth in the reference list. Also, a 250-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.

Please follow the link to submit a paper submission.

Paper Submission: <https://www.conftool.org/wera2019/index.php?page=submissions&y=500>.

### *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 set forth in the reference list. Symposium proposals are submitted by an organizer who may or may not be a chair, presenter, or discussant. A WERA symposium can include a minimum of three and maximum of five participants in addition to the chair and discussant. Participants include all presenters and any discussants.

Please follow the link to submit a symposium submission.

Symposium Submission: <https://www.conftool.org/wera2019/index.php?page=submissions&y=500>.

### *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 750 words that additionally addresses any unique elements particularly appropriate for a poster. Poster summaries are a maximum of 750 words on: a.) "Proposal Information/Research/Questions and Theoretical Approach" (350 words); b.) "Methods" (150 words); and c.) "Conclusion & Findings, Scientific Significance" (250 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 set forth in the reference list. Also, a 250-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.

Please follow the link to submit a poster submission.

Poster Submission: <https://www.conftool.org/wera2019/index.php?page=submissions&y=500>.

### *If you would like to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting:*

**Submissions are accepted online at <http://wera-tokyo.com>.** Click 'WERA Focal Meeting Submission'. Once you enter the submission portal from the main conference page, you will have separate options for paper, poster, and symposium submissions.

## 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 March 31, 2019. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register for the JERA Conference 2019—site of the WERA 2019 Focal Meeting.

## Registration

Registration is available online on the WERA-JERA 2019 conference website at <http://wera-tokyo.com>.

Combined WERA and JERA Conference registration will open for Early Bird registrants on October 1, 2018 and end on April 30, 2019. Discounted rates will apply. Regular registration at full conference rates will start on May 1, 2019 and end on July 31, 2019 (<http://wera-tokyo.com>).

## Final Paper

Final full papers must be submitted by Monday, July 1, 2019. Acceptance letters will include instructions for submitting final papers. Final papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in *Global Perspectives on Education Research*, a book series of scholarly articles from WERA-related meetings and events published by Routledge on behalf of WERA.

## Important Dates

October 1, 2018	Submission starts
January 31, 2019	Submission ends
March 31, 2019	Decisions announced
October 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019	Early bird registration
May 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019	Registration
July 1, 2019	Submission of final papers to WERA
5-8 August, 2019	WERA-JERA conference

## Co-Chairs

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