



**naaee**  
North American Association  
for Environmental Education

**54TH ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**  
November 3–6

**22ND ANNUAL  
RESEARCH  
SYMPOSIUM**  
October 30

**FORWARD  
TOGETHER**

**Virtual 2025**

conference.naaee.org

## **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 16, 2025**

### **—FORWARD TOGETHER—**

## **22ND ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

### **October 30, 2025 ● VIRTUAL**

The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) seeks compelling proposals for our 22nd Annual Research Symposium that address the conference theme, Forward Together. Researchers, policymakers, and practitioners at all stages of their careers are invited to share their insights, ideas, and findings. Our 2025 virtual conference will explore how we can move forward by harnessing our collective wisdom to create a more just and sustainable future for all. We strongly encourage proposals about in-progress research projects or discussion topics related to the research process that highlight the ways in which environmental education informs, inspires, and motivates action on behalf of the planet and our communities.

# Session Formats and Delivery Options

This year's Research Symposium will be virtual. There are two delivery options: Live Sessions and Prerecorded Sessions.

## Live Sessions:

- Live Sessions will last approximately 60 minutes, with at least 20 minutes devoted to interaction and discussion with the audience.
- Submissions for Live Sessions can be:
  - **panel proposals** that include multiple presenters and fill the full 60-minutes
  - **individual proposals** that have single presenters (with possible co-authors). We will likely group two or three related individual proposals to create 60-minute sessions, with each presentation allotted about 15 minutes.
  - **workshop proposals** that are interactive, skill-building sessions intended to develop competencies related to EE research
- Live Sessions will be scheduled once during regular symposium hours (11:00 AM–6:00 PM EDT) and presented live via Zoom.
- Live Sessions may include one or two prerecorded segments, in particular, to help accommodate international presenters in different time zones. Like all presenters, these presenters must be registered for the Research Symposium.
- Live sessions will be recorded for on-demand viewing after the symposium.

## Prerecorded Sessions:

- **Prerecorded sessions** are **short (up to 10 minutes) prerecorded presentations** that are available for on-demand asynchronous viewing during and after the symposium.
- Proposals that feature completed evaluations or studies are more suited for Prerecorded Sessions.
- Presenters must be registered symposium participants but do not need to be in attendance.
- May include posters (saved as PDF files) with a recorded narrative
- Presenters must submit **prerecorded mp4 files by September 15** to allow time for processing.

# Review Criteria

A peer review team will evaluate and rate all session proposals. The Research Symposium co-chairs will select proposals based on reviewer scores, balancing a range of topics and paying particular attention to sessions that help advance environmental education for all audiences and contribute to a more just and accessible field.

Reviewers will apply the criteria below when evaluating proposals. Please address each bullet in your proposal(s), providing enough detail for reviewers to fully understand your plans.

## Proposals will be assessed and selected by how well they:

- Summarize the content of the session, including goals or learning outcomes
- Identify theoretical frameworks and cite relevant literature related to the topic
- Explain how the session will inform and advance EE research and/or practice

- For Live Sessions, indicate as specifically as possible how you will engage the audience on Zoom, e.g., the questions and tools (such as polls, shared documents) you will use to engage the audience in dialogue

## How to Submit a Proposal

**Proposals must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. PDT on Friday, May 16, 2025.** You may find it helpful to [download a blank form](#) from the NAAEE website and use it to draft your proposal before entering the information online.

Each individual or team of individuals is limited to three proposals to maximize the number and diversity of presenters and perspectives on the research symposium program.

### Important:

- Use the **same email address** for submitting your proposal and registering for the conference.
  - Make sure you can **receive mail from Do\_Not\_Reply@AllAcademic.com** to stay informed about your proposal. Check your spam filters if you are missing messages.
1. Proposals must be submitted online through All Academic, our proposal management system.
    - [Click here](#) to enter All Academic or find the link on the conference or research symposium home page or from the menu on NAAEE's conference website.
    - If you've been part of a proposal in the past, you likely already have an All Academic account. Log in using your email as your username and your most recent password.
    - If you need to reset your password, click on the appropriate link in All Academic. You will receive an email message from Do\_Not\_Reply@AllAcademic.com with further instructions.
    - If you do not have an All Academic account, you'll need to create one by clicking on the new user link. Use your email address as your username. You will immediately receive an email message from Do\_Not\_Reply@AllAcademic.com with further instructions.
    - Check your spam filters if you do not receive the message. You will continue to receive messages from this email address in the future; make sure it is in your safe senders list.
  2. On your home page in All Academic, click "Submit a Proposal." Select "Conference" or "Research Symposium" and complete the online submission form.
  3. Click the "Accept and Continue" button on each page until you reach the final confirmation page.
  4. When your proposal is successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation email from Do\_Not\_Reply@AllAcademic.com. This email address is often caught by sensitive filters. If you haven't received it, check your junk folder and make sure the "@allacademic.com" domain is in your safe sender list so you receive future mailings.
  5. You can edit any information in your proposal until the May 16 submission deadline by logging in to your All Academic account and selecting the proposal from the list on your All Academic home page.

## Important Notes About Registration

All presenters and co-presenters (whether live or prerecorded) are required to register and pay published fees for the research symposium.

NAAEE depends on registration fees to cover symposium expenses and cannot provide waivers or discounts to presenters. There are typically more than 150 presenters on the Research Symposium program.

NAAEE has not yet finalized fees, but we expect Research Symposium registration for current NAAEE members to be about \$175 for a professional and \$125 for a student or retiree. Nonmember rates will be about 30% higher than member rates. We also hope to provide lower-cost options for those with limited funding. There is a separate registration fee for the NAAEE Annual Conference.

All presenters must confirm their participation by registering for the research symposium by the **September 15, 2025 early bird deadline**.

If your proposal is accepted, you will have an additional opportunity to finalize session information after receiving your acceptance notice.

## Have Questions?

As a first step, check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the NAAEE website for assistance with submitting your proposals. If you need additional help, please contact us at [conference@naaee.org](mailto:conference@naaee.org).

If you have questions about the content of your proposal, contact symposium co-chairs [Dr. Kathayoon Khalil](#), Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, or [Dr. Bill Finngan](#), Oxford University.