



2019 LERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Education Research Association (LERA)
will be held:

February 7-8, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn Lafayette/Cajundome
2350 W Congress St., Lafayette, LA 70506

The theme for LERA's 2019 annual conference is "Mixing It Up: Envisioning the Possibilities for Education in Louisiana." LERA is seeking proposals for presentations about the impactful research that is taking place all over the state. All stakeholders in education (including college and university faculty/staff, undergraduate and graduate students, PK-12 educators and administrators, and policymakers) are invited to submit proposals for paper sessions and symposia, and to join us at the annual meeting.

Guidelines for Submitting Proposals for Paper Sessions and Symposia

To submit a proposal and for additional information about session types, go to the LERA website (<http://www.leraweb.net/>). **All proposals must be submitted electronically no later than Friday, November 30, 2018.** Proposals consist of a 500 word maximum summary. All proposals are blind reviewed. Submission of a proposal is a professional commitment to present at the conference. Acceptance status will be e-mailed on or before **December 14, 2018** and a tentative conference schedule will be available online by **January 7, 2019.** *Authors of accepted presentations are required to pre-register for the conference in order to remain on the program.*

Conference Registration Information

Registration is required of all participants and guests. **Online registration will be available on the LERA Website beginning November 30, 2018.** Registration may also be completed on-site (\$10.00 higher on-site). Registration gives you access to all sessions and social events during the conference as well as an automatic one-year membership in LERA, which includes a one-year subscription to *Research Issues in Contemporary Education* (RICE).

LERA 2019 Conference Registration Fees

	Before January 20:	At the Door:
Full Professional LERA Member	\$65	\$75
Student LERA Member	\$40	\$50

Hotel Registration Information

For those who require overnight accommodations, the Hilton Garden Inn has reserved a block of rooms for conference participants until **January 17, 2019**. Reservations can be made online at https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/L/LFTCDGI-LERA19-20190207/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG or by phone at [337.291.1977](tel:337.291.1977). The reservation code is **LERA19**.

Outstanding Paper Awards

Each year, two awards are given as part of the annual conference: The **Rayma Harchar Outstanding Research Paper Award** and the **LERA Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper Award**. Selection is based on the quality of the written paper, and criteria for judging will be made available upon notification of acceptance of the proposal.

The recipient of the **Rayma Harchar Outstanding Research Paper Award** will have the paper published in *Research Issues in Contemporary Research* (RICE), and is invited to present the paper at the following year's (2020) Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). The recipient also receives reimbursement up to a maximum of \$500 to support travel to this meeting.

Any paper whose principal author is a current graduate student or a student who completed a thesis or dissertation in 2018 that was submitted in partial fulfillment of degree requirements at a college or university in Louisiana will be eligible for the **LERA Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award**. The recipient of this award will be invited to submit the paper for publication in RICE.

To be considered for either award, **the completed paper must be submitted as an e-mail attachment to the awards chair**, Dr. Michelle Morris at paulselm@nsula.edu **on or before January 20, 2019**. Papers submitted for either award will be evaluated on the following criteria: (a) subject/problem, (b) research design or procedure, (c) results, (d) findings and discussion, and (e) mechanics. Announcements of awards are made at the Friday session of the annual LERA meeting. Papers must not exceed 25 pages.

If you have questions or require additional information, you can visit the LERA website at <http://www.leraweb.net/> or email the Program Chair, Dr. Adam Elder, at adam.elder@southeastern.edu.