



Summer Workshop 2026 Call for Proposals: Individual or Panel Presentations

In these 90-minute sessions, we are seeking scholarly presentations that advance our understanding of graduate education through original research, innovative practices, case studies, and theoretical frameworks. Presentations must contribute to the evidence base for graduate education and research policies, practices, and training. Presentations must include an interactive component. To help encourage lively discussion, presenters are gently encouraged to speak more informally rather than read directly from a written paper.

Types of Presentations

- **Research:** Original empirical studies on graduate education topics
- **Practice:** Documented innovative programs or interventions with evaluation data
- **Case Studies:** In-depth analysis of specific challenges, solutions, or institutional changes
- **Theoretical:** Conceptual frameworks or literature syntheses that advance the field
- **Policy Analysis:** Examinations of policy impacts on graduate education and research

Presentation Formats

There are 2 options for presentation submission: Individual and Panel.

Individual Presentations

Those submitting an individual presentation will be paired with another presenter(s) who is giving a talk on a similar topic. Each panelist will have approximately 15 minutes to present their work with time reserved at the end for audience Q&A/interaction/engagement.

This type of submission is ideal for completed research or well-developed case studies.

Panel Discussions

Submissions for panel presentations will have 3 to 4 related presentations with integrated discussion. Presenters can be from the same university (in different roles) or from multiple universities. Thematic connection across presentations required. The session must include at least 30 minutes of audience Q&A/interaction/engagement.

Proposal Requirements

1. Title and Abstract (300 words maximum)
2. Statement of Problem/Purpose (200 words maximum)
3. Methodology or Approach (300 words maximum)
4. Key findings or Outcomes (300 words maximum)
5. Implications for Practice (200 words maximum)
6. Presenter(s) Biography (150 words each presenter)

Proposal Selection Criteria

- Scholarly rigor and methodological soundness
- Relevance to graduate education and research training
- Clear contributions to knowledge or practice
- Quality of writing and presentation clarity
- Potential impact on the field
- Alignment with conference theme and audience needs

Suggested Topic Areas

- Policy development for evolving program needs
- Community-engaged graduate research
- Navigating Title IX, FERPA, and other regulations in graduate education
- Funding models and financial support systems
- Technology-enhanced learning in graduate education
- Models of shared governance and collaborative decision-making
- Supporting non-traditional, international, and first-generation students
- Faculty roles in professional development
- Longitudinal tracking of graduate student success and career outcomes
- International perspectives on graduate training