



**WERA 2023 FOCAL MEETING IN COLLABORATION WITH ERAS**  
**22-24 November 2023**  
**National Institute of Education (NIE), Nanyang Technology University (NTU), Singapore**

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers, posters, roundtables, and symposia for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held from 22-24 November 2023 at the National Institute of Education (NIE), Nanyang Technology University (NTU), Singapore. Founded in 2009, WERA will be celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Focal Meeting in Singapore. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. WERA Focal Meetings are embedded in the conference of a WERA Member Association. The WERA 2023 Focal Meeting is an integral part of the biannual conference of the Educational Research Association of Singapore (ERAS) and consists of a program of papers, posters, roundtables, and symposia on topics of worldwide emphases and significance.

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, poster, and roundtable 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 of the same paper, poster, roundtable and/or symposium through the ERAS and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.

Papers, posters, roundtables, and symposia submissions are encouraged to synthesize knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Scholarly papers, posters, roundtables, and symposia who adhere to this call will be featured at the WERA 2023 Focal meeting.

### **Who Should Submit?**

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extend beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit to the WERA Focal Meeting. Submissions may be submitted to be presented at paper, poster, or roundtable sessions. Scholars wishing to organise symposia are also encouraged to submit. All abstracts submitted for review must please be written in English.

### **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 as well as elderly education and that take place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning. The emphasis of the WERA Focal Meeting is on papers, posters, roundtables, 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 the WERA Focal Meeting

Paper, poster, roundtable, and symposium submissions must be submitted in English through the online portal on the [WERA-ERAS conference website](#) at “[Call for Abstracts](#)”. WERA submissions are only accepted online. Click “[Submit Here](#)” on the submission portal to proceed to abstract submissions after creating a [conference account](#). On the abstract submission page, select the **WERA Focal Meeting 2023** event option and continue with your abstract submission.

The WERA final submission round deadline is **28 July 2023; 23:59 Singapore (GMT+8)** [*Notifications by 1 September 2023*].

### *Guidelines for abstract submissions: Papers, posters, and roundtables*

- Maximum of 120 characters for title.
- Maximum of 250 words for each abstract.
- Include objectives, theoretical framework, methodology, findings, and conclusion.
- You may select more than one mode of presentation. However, if your paper is accepted, you will only be placed in one presentation mode that you have selected.

### *Guidelines for abstract submissions: Symposia*

Guidelines for each paper submission:

- Maximum of 120 characters for title.
- Maximum of 250 words for each abstract.
- Include objectives, theoretical framework, methodology, findings, and conclusion.

In addition, there should be one abstract summarising the overall objectives of the symposium.

- Maximum of 15 words for title of symposium.
- Maximum of 250 words.
- Include objectives of symposium.

## 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

The final round of WERA submissions ends on 28 July 2023 with notifications announced by 1 September 2023. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters, roundtables, AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register for the WERA 2023 Focal Meeting.

## Registration

WERA Focal Meeting registration is available online on the [WERA-ERAS conference website](#) at “[Conference Registration](#)”. Registration will open for *Early Bird registrants* on 2 January 2023 and end on 1 June 2023, 23:59 Singapore (GMT+8) time. Discounted rates will apply. Regular registration at full conference rates will start on 1 June 2023 and end on 30 September 2023. Registration at the WERA Focal Meeting allows attendance at the ERAS conference without registering twice.

## Conference Proceedings

Presenters do not need to submit full papers. Conference proceedings will not be published. WERA Presenters with full papers can consider submitting to the *Global Perspectives on Education Research (GPER)*, a volume series of scholarly articles from WERA-related meetings and events published by Routledge on behalf of WERA. Subsequent to the WERA Focal Meeting there will be an invitation to all presenters to submit a manuscript for review and consideration in a next GPER Volume.

### Important Dates for WERA 2023 Focal Meeting Call

21 November 2022	Submission starts
2 January 2023 – 1 June 2023	Early bird registration
1 June 2023 – 30 September 2023	Standard registration
28 July 2023	Final submission round deadline (Submission ends)
1 September 2023	End of abstract acceptance notifications
21 November 2023	Pre-Conference Workshops
22-24 November 2023	WERA-ERAS conference

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