

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Graduate School of Education presents
the 28th Annual GSE Research Symposium

Sponsored by the Department of Information Science
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“Springing Back and Moving Forward: Resiliency and Innovation in Education”

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021
Symposium to be held virtually
Full schedule and links forthcoming

The world changed dramatically in the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic, sparking renewed interest in resiliency. Springing back and moving forward in the face of change and challenge is something that is faced by researchers, educators and professionals across all fields related to education. This year, the Graduate School of Education’s Student Research Symposium embraces the ideas embodied by the concept of resilience and welcomes research posters, papers, and proposals that touch on the ideas raised by that theme. The notion of resilience not only applies to the current challenges faced by students and other education professionals in light of the pandemic - it also sheds light on the work being done to successfully overcome unpredictable adversity.

This symposium is an exciting opportunity to leave our isolated home offices and work collaboratively, both within and across disciplines, to encourage students to share their experiences navigating the uncertainties of this new climate. Student participants will both display and demonstrate innovation by presenting their research centered around resiliency during these unprecedented times.

PRESENTATION ELIGIBILITY:

Students must be currently enrolled as a full- or part-time student at the University at Buffalo. Presentations should be an original piece of research (including empirical studies, theoretical position papers, professional development programs, explorations of a model, students' research component or dissertation, etc.) The presenter(s) should have played a key role in the research.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Proposals must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. Monday, February 15, 2021** - for first consideration. Proposals will be reviewed as they are received, so early acceptance is possible. Additionally, any proposals received after the due date, but before the schedule is released will be considered **ONLY** if there is space in the symposium schedule. Presenters will be notified of their acceptance by **Wednesday, February 24, 2021**. The deadline for registration is **Monday, March 22, 2021**. Students presenting work **MUST** be registered.

PRESENTATION FORMATS:

PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS

Presenters who submit a paper to the Symposium will be allotted 7-10 minutes for an oral presentation of their research. This will not provide an opportunity to read the entirety of one's paper. Rather, the presenter should summarize their findings and present highlights of their work. Paper presentations will be grouped together by theme, creating one panel of 2-4 individuals. Panels will be moderated by a faculty member. You may choose to have a moderator assigned to you, or you may suggest a moderator for your panel.

PROPOSALS FOR POSTERS

Students may choose to present their research in a visual format during a poster presentation session. As the symposium is virtual this year, posters will be presented in a digital format. All posters will be displayed simultaneously during the poster session, giving the presenters the opportunity to engage with attendees during this session.

PROPOSALS FOR PANELS/ROUNDTABLES

Students will be asked to choose an option for their panel presentation from the options below.

Individual on an Assigned Panel

Presenters will be placed on a panel with 1-3 other participants with similar research topics. A moderator will be assigned to the panel, though you may request a professor you wish to serve on your panel.

Pre-Assembled Panel

We encourage students of similar research subjects to submit their proposals as a pre-assembled panel. You may request a professor to moderate the panel or be assigned a moderator at the committee's discretion.

Multiple-Authored Presentations

We do accept presentations with multiple authors. Please choose the pre-assembled panel option on the submission form and indicate co-authors.

Proposed Works Panel

Because this has been an unprecedented year, in addition to the traditional paper and poster presentations, we would like to offer the opportunity to present well formulated proposals for future research projects that you would like to explore. The committee is well aware that lockdowns and other safety measures may have meant a delay in the implementation of research projects or perhaps the inspiration for entirely new avenues of research among students in the GSE, as such the opportunity to present work that is not yet complete or even in process is a valuable avenue to collaborate with your peers at this year's symposium.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Proposals will be submitted through an online form found at <https://forms.gle/uLeEQK5GEotwGowb6>.

Submissions will be read in a blind review process, with those reviewing proposals looking for strength, accuracy, and originality in research. Please adhere to the following guidelines when submitting:

- Submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2021.
- Late or incomplete applications will ONLY be considered if there is space in the symposium schedule.
- Abstracts should be no more than 500 words.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions or concerns please contact the steering committee at gsesymposium2021@gmail.com