

Call for Applications: WERA Mentoring Programme 2026

The *World Education Research Association (WERA)* invites its members who are early-career researchers to join the WERA Mentoring Programme 2026. This initiative is designed to support researchers who hold a PhD, including postdoctoral scholars, in developing their academic careers, strengthening international research networks, and receiving mentorship from leading scholars in education.

Programme Overview

The *WERA Mentoring Programme* provides mentees with access to experienced mentors who offer guidance on research development, academic publishing, and networking in the global education research community. The programme is coordinated by Geovana Mendonça Lunardi Mendes, WERA Vice President and Chair of the WERA Mentoring Programme (National Association of Research and Graduate Studies on Education – ANPEd), with support from members of the WERA Mentoring Committee.

Application Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** December 15, 2025
- **Selection and Agreement Signing:** By January 30, 2026
- **Programme Start:** January 30, 2026, onward. (including work plan proposal submission; mentoring relationship duration of six months as agreed between mentor and mentee)

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a current WERA member, either a [WERA individual member](#) or a member of a [WERA-affiliated association](#) or [institution](#)
- Applicants must be early-career researchers who hold a PhD, including postdoctoral scholars or those in comparable post-PhD research roles
- Candidates should have research interests aligned with the expertise of WERA mentors.
- A commitment to actively engaging in the mentorship process is required.

How to Apply

1. Choose a mentor from the list available on the WERA website [\[here\]](#).
2. Submit your application via the designated platform on the WERA website [\[here\]](#).

Your submission should include:

- Institutional affiliation details
- Research area
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Statement of Interest (max. 500 words) briefly describing your research background, your expectations from the mentorship, and how the programme will support your academic career

Benefits of Participation

- Personalized mentorship from senior scholars in education research
- Access to an international network of researchers and academic opportunities
- Guidance on research development, publishing, and career advancement

For more information, follow the official announcements on WERA's platforms or contact the WERA Secretariat: vera@aera.net.

We look forward to your participation in strengthening global educational research through mentorship.

WERA Mentoring Committee

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