



**WERA 2026 FOCAL MEETING IN COLLABORATION WITH TERA-TAIWAN**  
**15-18 OCTOBER 2026**  
**NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY, KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN**  
**SECOND CALL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 14 MAY 2026; 23:59 TAIPEI (GMT+8) TIME**

The [World Education Research Association \(WERA\)](#) invites submissions for papers (oral presentations), posters, and symposia for the WERA 2026 Focal Meeting, to be held from 15-18 October 2026 at the National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Founded in 2009, WERA will be celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Focal Meeting in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 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 2026 Focal Meeting is an integral part of the place-based conference of the [Taiwan Education Research Association \(TERA-Taiwan\)](#) and consists of a programme of paper (oral presentation), poster, and symposia sessions focused on globally significant education research.

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 and poster submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries if 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, or symposium through the TERA-Taiwan and WERA online submission systems is not allowed. Papers, posters, and symposia submissions are encouraged to synthesize knowledge worldwide over the last decade and anticipate future research trends and directions. Scholarly papers, posters, and symposia that adhere to this call will be featured at the WERA 2026 Focal Meeting. This conference will feature both English and Mandarin Chinese sessions.

### **Who Should Submit?**

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

### **Scope of the Focal Meeting**

The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on papers (oral submissions), posters, and symposia *with a lens that is worldwide in perspective*. To create synergy with the theme of the conference "*Bridging Cultures, Co-creating Knowledge: Local Innovations and Global Visions in Education*", submissions of papers (oral presentation), posters, and symposia related to these issues are also welcomed. 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 WERA Focal Meeting

Paper, poster, and symposia submissions must be submitted in English, through the online portal on the [WERA-TERA-Taiwan conference website](#) at '[Submission](#)'. WERA submissions are only accepted online. You do not need to be or become a TERA-Taiwan or WERA member to submit for the WERA Focal Meeting. To submit, create a '[new account](#)' or '[login](#)' and proceed to '[Online abstract Submissions](#)'.

On the submission page, click '[Enter Online Submission System](#)' and subsequently '[New Submission](#)' to continue with your abstract submission for a paper (oral presentation), poster, or symposium.

The *Second Call Submission deadline* is **14 May 2026; 23:59 Taipei (GMT+8) time**. Duplicate submission of the same paper, poster, or symposium through the online submission systems is not allowed. No submission or extension after the given deadline will be possible. Abstract submissions are requested to follow APA 7th edition format with font size 12, 1.5 spacing, and the following structure:

- Title
- Research Overview (English 50 words or Chinese 75 words)
- Purpose of Study
- Research Methods
- Results and Discussion
- Keywords (maximum five)

### *Guidelines for: Individual Paper Submissions (Oral Submissions)*

- Please submit an abstract (800 words for English presentations) for review.
- Individual papers will be grouped into coherent sessions of up to four to five papers in a 90-minute slot.
- These sessions will have the discussion at the end of the session rather than after each paper.
- The final presenter for each paper presentation slot will serve as the session chair.

### *Guidelines for: Poster Submissions*

- Poster presentations include **Physical Posters** and **E-Posters**. Presenters may choose one format.
- Physical Posters: 90-minutes sessions held; presenters are expected to stand by their posters. Physical posters may be presented in English or Chinese.
- E-Posters: Held in presentation rooms; each presenter will have 5 minutes for their presentation, followed by a 15-minutes Q&A session for the entire session. E-poster presentations must be conducted in English.
- Please submit an abstract (800 words for English presentations) for review.
- Posters must be submitted as a text file in the Submission System.
- Once the results of the evaluation have been announced, a template will be provided for presenting the posters.
- The posters will be presented during in-person sessions during the event.
- The best posters will receive a prize.

### *Guidelines for: Symposium Submissions*

A WERA symposium offers a platform to explore a specific education research topic through an international or comparative lens, incorporating diverse perspectives and in-depth discussion. Proposals are submitted by an organizer, who may also serve as a chair, presenter, or discussant. Each symposium includes a chair, a discussant, and 3–5 participants (presenters and discussants combined):

- Submit an 800-word abstract of the symposium, including the title and a brief paragraph about each paper (minimum of 3 papers and maximum of 5 papers) in the symposium.
- The symposium must have a clear focus, with each paper aligned to the overall focus/theme while offering distinct perspectives.
- Approved symposia will be allocated a 90-minute session.

## Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer-reviewed by the WERA Review Committee. Criteria include the *worldwide* significance of the research, clarity of the focus of the research, originality of the research, rigour of the research, and significance of the research for education practice, policy, or theory.

## Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Acceptance notifications for the *Second Call for Submissions* will be provided by **15 June 2026**. Presenting authors of accepted papers, posters, and symposia participants must register for the WERA 2026 Focal Meeting by **20 July 2026**. All presentations are in-person; virtual participation is not available.

## Registration

Registration is available online on the [WERA-TERA-Taiwan conference website](#) at '[Registration](#)'. Early-bird registration is extended until 20 July 2026, 23:59 Taipei Time. Discounted rates will apply. Regular registration, at full conference rates, will end on 16 August 2026. Registration at the WERA Focal Meeting allows attendance at the TERA-Taiwan conference without registering twice. In addition, registration for the WERA 2026 Focal Meeting includes a one-year complimentary WERA Individual membership. All attending authors are considered as presenters and must register by 20 July 2026.

## Full Papers

Presenters do not need to submit full papers. Conference abstract proceedings will be published online with ISBN. After an abstract is accepted, authors may choose to publish in the proceedings for a US\$ 40 fee. In addition, subsequent to the WERA Focal Meeting, there will be an invitation to all presenters to submit a manuscript (i.e., full paper) for review and consideration in a future WERA Emerald book series publication.

## Important Dates for WERA 2026 Focal Meeting: First and Second Call for Submissions

15 January 2026	Submission starts Call I
30 April 2026	Submission ends Call I
1 May 2026	Submission starts Call II
14 May 2026	Submission ends Call II
1 June 2026	Decisions announced for Call I
15 June 2026	Decisions announced for Call II
20 July 2026	Early bird registration deadline
20 July 2026	All presenting authors to be registered (for inclusion in the programme)
16 August 2026	Regular registration deadline
1 September 2026	Authors notified of preliminary date and time of presentation
15 October 2026	Pre-Conference workshops and educational tours
16-18 October 2026	WERA-TERA-Taiwan 2026 Focal Meeting

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