



# EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH *for* ETHICAL LIVES



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QUT Kelvin Grove, Brisbane



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Individual Papers, Roundtable Papers, Posters & Workshops

You are invited to submit an abstract to the

Australian Association for Research in Education Conference 2026

#### KEY DATES

Call for abstracts	1 May 2026
<b>Abstract close</b>	<b>26 June 2026</b>
Abstract reviewing commencement	Early July 2026
Author acceptance and program announcement	Early August 2026

#### BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

- You should read this document before proceeding.
- All submissions must be made via the online portal.
- Delegates can be a 'presenting author' on a maximum of two presentations (e.g. 2 papers, or 1 paper and 1 roundtable). It is possible to be listed as part of an author team on more than two presentations. However, the Program Committee can only guarantee no program clashes for up to two presentation slots for any individual as presenting author. In addition to these two presentations, the Program Committee can guarantee no clashes with the role of discussant on one symposium.
- Please ensure ALL authors/presenters are aware of, and agree with, the abstract details as well as the submission terms and conditions.

## CONFERENCE THEME

### Educational Research for Ethical Lives

In 2026, AARE invites delegates to consider the conference theme 'Educational Research for Ethical Lives.' In an era characterised by social, environmental, technological and political complexity, educational research plays an increasingly important role in illuminating, questioning and responding to the ethical responsibilities and challenges that lie at the heart of education.

Please see the conference website for further information.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please see below the following guidelines to ensure a smooth submission process:

- **Language:** All abstracts must be written in English.
- **Originality and copyright:** Please ensure that your submission is entirely your own work, free from any copyright infringement. Your abstract should be a concise reflection of your original research. All abstracts and presentations should adhere to the highest ethical standards and reflect the principles of research integrity expressed in the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018) and, where relevant, the AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Research (2020).
- **Content specifications:** To maintain clarity and focus, please refrain from including tables or figures within the abstract.
- **References:** References are not required. However, if you wish to include them, they must be included in the body of your text and included in the 400 word count (inclusive of a reference list).
- **Conference registration and payment:** Should your submission be accepted, AARE looks forward to your participation in the conference. As such, all presentations must have a presenting author registered with the necessary payment completed in order to secure their place in the program. Where payment has not been made before the deadline specified in the acceptance email, the presentation will be removed from the program. Conference registration fees are discounted for members of AARE and for those eligible for concessional fees (Please note that concessional registration is available at member and non-member rates). See the conference website for details of registration rates, and also for additional bursaries and funding opportunities available.
- **Financial considerations:** Please note, the acceptance of an abstract does not include any undertakings from AARE for the provision for travel, accommodation, or other related expenses. These arrangements and costs are the responsibility of the presenter/author.
- **Review process:** Each abstract will be carefully reviewed by members of the relevant Special Interest Group (SIG). The decision of the review panel is final.
- **Publication and media consent:** By submitting your abstract, you agree to its potential publication on the conference's digital platforms and in printed materials. Additionally, you consent to the filming or photographing of your presentation for conference documentation and promotion.
- **Notification of changes:** It is understood that unforeseen circumstances can occur. Should you be unable to present or need to nominate a different presenting author, please inform the Conference Organisers, All Occasions Group promptly by emailing [aare@aomevents.com](mailto:aare@aomevents.com).

We appreciate your adherence to these guidelines, which will facilitate a fair and efficient review process and enrich the conference experience for all involved.

## PRESENTATION TYPES

For each abstract, please indicate the presentation format for which it is being submitted from the following options. (NOTE THAT SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS ARE ENTERED IN A DIFFERENT SYSTEM. You do NOT enter these papers into the system here as well).

- 1. Individual Papers:** In these sessions, authors present their research followed by questions and/or comments. Each paper will be allocated 20 minutes, which includes 15 minutes for the paper presentation and 5 mins for questions or discussion. Papers will be grouped into sessions according to common themes or ideas by Special Interest Group (SIG) Conference Organisers. The standard length for grouped papers will be 1 hour for 3 papers.
- 2. Roundtable Papers:** These sessions are designed to foster maximum dialogue and collaboration among researchers by providing an opportunity to present and discuss research, inclusive of research in progress, preliminary findings or grant proposals. Each individual will be allocated 10-15 minutes to present the key issues and questions their work is addressing at a designated 'round table,' which will be followed by discussion among the roundtable audience facilitated by an experienced researcher knowledgeable about the research area. Papers will be grouped into sessions according to common themes or ideas by Special Interest Group (SIG) Convenors.
- 3. Workshops:** These sessions allow presenters to teach or demonstrate specific methodologies, tools, or concepts in an interactive environment. Workshops can be particularly effective for sharing practical skills or engaging in hands-on activities. Workshops can be scheduled for 30 minutes, 60 minutes or 90 minutes.
- 4. Posters:** Poster presentations offer a visual summary of research findings, allowing for direct interaction with conference attendees who can ask questions and discuss the research with the poster author in a more informal setting. This format is especially useful for early-stage researchers. The program will include scheduled 60-minute poster sessions to promote interactive discussions of the research documented in the posters.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please see below for the questions that will appear on the online submission form.

### Presentation Type

Please choose your preferred means of presentation as noted above:

- Individual Paper
- Roundtable Paper
- Workshop (30 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes)
- Poster

### Special Interest Groups

Please select of the following Special Interest Groups (SIG) that best fits your submission. These categories will be used by the Program Committee and SIG Convenors for review.

<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research</b>	<b>Language and Literacy</b>
<b>Arts Education Practice Research</b>	<b>Learning Environments</b>
<b>Assessment and Measurement</b>	<b>Motivation and Learning</b>
<b>Children and student voice across all sectors</b>	<b>Politics and Policy in Education</b>
<b>Cultural Historical and Activity Theory</b>	<b>Poststructural Theory</b>
<b>Culturally and Linguistically Diverse education</b>	<b>Professional and Higher Education</b>
<b>Curriculum Inquiry</b>	<b>Qualitative Research Methodologies</b>
<b>Early Childhood</b>	<b>Quantitative Research Methodologies</b>
<b>Educational Leadership</b>	<b>Rural Education</b>
<b>Educational Philosophy and Theory</b>	<b>Schools and Education Systems</b>
<b>Environmental and Sustainability Education</b>	<b>Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics</b>
<b>Gender, Sexualities &amp; Cultural Studies</b>	<b>Social Justice</b>
<b>Global Contexts for Education</b>	<b>Sociology of Education</b>
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	<b>Teacher Education and Research Innovation</b>
<b>History and Education</b>	<b>Teachers' Work and Lives</b>
<b>Inclusive Education</b>	<b>Technology and Learning</b>

### Presentation Title (max 20 words)

Enter the full title of your abstract. The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to clearly reflect the nature of your abstract. This title may appear in all conference information (includes website, app and social media).

The title should be written in sentence case (not be all caps). Capital letters should only be used at the beginning of the title, for a proper noun or after a colon. The title cannot be longer than the specified number of words.

### Abstract (max 400 words)

The abstract should not repeat the title, authors and affiliations.

Your abstract should include relevant information, such as: background or scope of the study; significance and aims of the research; research design; key findings; and implications for further educational research.

If writing an abstract for a workshop, you may also need to include details of the general plan for the session so that a reviewer can understand the format of the proposed session.

- **References** are not required. However, if you wish to include them, they must be included in the body of your text and included in the 400 word count.
- **Special Symbols and Formatting** are to be used sparingly. Once your submission is complete, please read your abstract in full to ensure the symbols are displayed correctly. If not, please click on the 'Special Character' icon on the screen to see the list of available characters to insert.
- **Tables or figures** should not be included in an abstract.

### Additional Information

#### AARE Awards

As you are proposing to present an academic paper or a poster at the conference, please consider nominating for an AARE Award. These awards will be presented at the conference and will provide financial assistance towards attending the conference.

NB: To be eligible for an Award, please ensure you follow all instructions. For full details of the criteria for each award, please see <https://www.aare.edu.au/awards-and-honours/>

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Student Researcher Award
- Betty Watts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Award
- Early Career Researcher Award
- Postgraduate Student Researcher Award
- Postgraduate Student / Early Career Researcher Poster Award

**Does your abstract submission engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in any way?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes, are you willing to incorporate the required information on 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Background' in your presentation/submission?**

- Yes
- No
- No Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people or communities participated in my research

### **Submit**

Once you are satisfied with your submission, select **SUBMIT ABSTRACT**.

You will receive a confirmation email with a submission number and information.

You may log in at any time prior to the site closing to update your submission.

### **Terms and Conditions**

By submitting authors must agree to the following terms and conditions;

- The author(s) are responsible for the accuracy of the abstract and should ensure that they have written entirely original work which does not infringe any copyright.
- If the submission is accepted, I confirm that at least one author will register and pay to attend and present the abstract at the Conference.
- No funding is provided to those accepted to present by AARE. Any presenter not registered for the Conference by the deadline specified in the acceptance email may have their abstract removed from the proceedings and program.
- If third party material is used in the submission, I promise it does not and will not breach any existing
- Intellectual Property or a third party's Intellectual Property or Moral Rights.
- I give permission on behalf of all presenters and affiliations associated with the abstract submission, for the Abstract and PowerPoint to appear on the AARE Conference website, Conference phone app, AARE website and in printed Conference material if it is accepted for presentation.
- You give AARE / Think Business Events permission to film or photograph your presentation at the Conference.

Please note that your abstract will be published as supplied, but you do have the option to provide an amended version of your PowerPoint, which will be converted into PDF, should some of the content not be suitable for publication.

- Yes, I/we give permission

## **ENQUIRIES**

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