

University of Manitoba Education Graduate Students' Association  
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# CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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The Education Graduate Students' Association (EdGSA) and the Office of the Associate Dean of Graduate Research at the University of Manitoba invites proposals for the 27th annual Education Graduate Students' Research Conference. The conference aims to promote education graduate students' research and scholarly activities, allowing them to present and discuss their work in a supportive, academic forum.

Current and recent graduate students from education-related programs are invited to submit proposals that encompass a wide spectrum of educational research and scholarship. We support a diverse range of work spanning various worldviews, ways of knowing, and research methods. This includes but is not limited to Indigenous knowledge systems, community-based research, arts-based research, participatory research, and other robust forms of scholarship that characterize our educational communities.

### What is the theme?

This year's theme is "*Brave Spaces, Bold Ideas: Reimagining Education Through Graduate Research*".

We invite submissions that embody bold, imaginative, and courageous approaches to rethinking education. In the spirit of brave spaces and bold ideas, we encourage graduate researchers to explore transformative trends, pressing challenges, and emerging opportunities in the field. Submissions should envision new possibilities for teaching, learning, research, and theory while challenging the status quo and reimagining the future of education.

### When and where will the conference be held?

The 2026 Conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 30th to Saturday, May 2nd with a post-conference gala planned for Saturday, May 2nd. The conference will be held in person at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

However, we understand that cost and accessibility is a factor for some people, as well as environmental and other concerns regarding travel. If you require an online option, please contact us, and we will work to accommodate your needs.

## Who may apply?

The Conference is open to all students currently enrolled in a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education (PBDE) program, Master's or Doctoral program, as well as individuals who have exited a graduate program in the past calendar year (2025), including those who graduated and those who did not complete their degree program.

## What kind of presentation formats are accepted?

Individuals can use the following presentation formats:

- **Presentation:** Individuals will present their work and/or creative project for 15 minutes, followed by a 15-minute joint Q&A session with other presenters.
- **Facilitated round table discussion:** In a 20-minute session, individuals will share an idea they are working on (e.g., a research project or creative work) and receive feedback from attendees.
- **Artefacts/Posters:** In a multimedia gallery space, individuals will share artefacts of a research project. Artefacts can include videos, creative works, hardcopy posters, digital posters, etc.

## Preparing Your Proposal

### What needs to be covered in the proposal?

Your proposal should include basic information about the presenter (e.g., your name, program, and university), as well as information about your research project, including title, 3-5 keywords, and a 350-500-word research summary.

As appropriate, the summary should include the following sections:

- purpose
- theoretical frameworks
- method(s)/mode(s) of inquiry
- data source(s)
- results, conclusions, and/or interpretations
- educational importance
- connection to the theme

These sections may not apply to all work. Please apply the guidelines as you see fit.

### When are proposals due?

The 2026 Conference will have an early deadline, as well as a final deadline. Those who submit their proposals by the early deadline will have their proposals reviewed first and thus will receive information about their acceptance first. Additionally, those who submit by the early deadline will be eligible for our Conference Proposal Prize!

The early deadline is **Wednesday, January 14th** at 11:59 PM Central.

The final deadline is **Wednesday, February 4th** at 11:59 PM Central.

## How will the proposals be reviewed?

The conference organizing committee will review the proposals alongside faculty members from the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Education. The review process is meant to support your proposal and presentation. As such, feedback will be constructive. Acceptance will be based on scholarly merit and connection to the theme, as well as clarity of research objectives, methods, and proposed and/or established conclusions.

Everyone who submits a proposal will be notified of their status by Monday, March 2nd.

## Where should I submit my proposal?

The proposal can be submitted using the following Microsoft Form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/NDikwtKKsx>

We recommend writing your proposal in a Microsoft Word document then copying your responses in the form.

## Further questions?

Please contact the EdGSA's Conference Organizing Committee at [gsa.education@umanitoba.ca](mailto:gsa.education@umanitoba.ca) and/or visit <https://edgsa.weebly.com/>

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