

## NZARE sessions at AERA, CSSE and BERA policy



NZARE has arrangements with the **American Educational Research Association** (AERA), the **Canadian Society for the Study of Education** (CSSE), and the **British Educational Research Association** (BERA) in which these organisations allocate a session at their annual conference each year for presentations that represent, and are supported by, NZARE.

### **Selection process** (please read carefully)

The main purpose of the NZARE sessions at international conferences is to showcase examples of the best of recent New Zealand research and/or scholarly work in education. The sessions also allow the presenters to establish and build international linkages to support their ongoing research programmes.

NZARE provides financial assistance of up to **\$3,000** to each team of presenters.

Current NZARE members are invited to submit proposals for a symposium, or, in the case of CSSE, a paper (or two linked papers), on a completed research project (or linked projects) that was carried out in New Zealand, and that is likely to be of interest to an international audience.

**Please note:** All submissions must be presented at the NZARE conference in the year **prior** to the international conference, and all symposium presenters must be present. The closing date for submissions of **full proposals** is announced in the year **prior** to the international conference. Proposals should be sent to the NZARE Council member with responsibility for international links, currently this is Dr Cheryl Stevens: Email: [admin@nzare.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzare.org.nz)

The selection process will be complete (and the applicants notified) by end of September of the year **prior** to the international conference.

Please note that, while all symposia/papers submitted for selection **must be presented at the NZARE conference in the year prior to the international conference**, the selection process for representing NZARE at the international conferences is now **separate** from the NZARE Conference paper submission process.

### **The Submission**

1. Proposers are required to submit a **2000 word extended abstract** setting out the proposed content of their symposium/paper(s). This should include: the objectives of the project and/or its research questions; the methodologies used; a summary of the research findings and/or the main argument(s) to be presented; an overview of the contributions of each of the presenters; and a rationale for the symposium as a whole - which shows clearly how and why the contributions are linked.
2. Proposers of symposia are required to provide a **chair** and one or more **discussants** (who are not presenters). A key purpose of these symposia is to establish and extend the international connections of the presenters and their research activities. Thus the chair and discussants should be people who have an international reputation in the particular field of research that is to be discussed. The NZARE Council reserves the right to suggest and/or modify the chairs and/or discussants of symposia that are selected to represent NZARE at these conferences (should this be necessary and/or helpful).
3. All papers in the selected symposia will appear on this website, accompanied by a group photo of the participants.

Proposals should contain the following information:

- The conference for which you are applying (AERA, BERA or CSSE);
- The title of the symposium; the titles of the individual papers (in order of presentation); and the names of the authors of each paper;
- An abstract for the symposium as a whole; abstracts for each of the papers; and a rationale for the symposium as a whole (see above);
- Contact details for the symposium coordinator and individual team members (including institutional addresses, email addresses, phone and fax numbers).

## **Selection Process**

A subcommittee of the NZARE Council, led by the Council member responsible for international links, is responsible for selecting symposia, or, in the case of CSSE, paper(s), to represent NZARE at these international conferences. The Council may invite confidential referees from outside the Council to provide expertise in particular areas of education research, if this is necessary. The decisions of this subcommittee are ratified by the Council, with whom the final decision rests. The Council reserves the right to make no selection for any or all of the overseas conferences in any given year.

## **General Notes:**

1. NZARE aims to promote robust, well-informed research debate in the area of education, in New Zealand and international contexts. Thus the views expressed by symposium presenters may differ from those of NZARE as a research organization, or those of its Council; however, NZARE expects presenters to uphold the principles and spirit of academic freedom, and the NZARE code of ethics.
2. The symposium presenters are expected to have the support of their institution that they will be permitted to attend the conference; and that they are able to support themselves with those costs of registration, travel and accommodation that are not covered by the grant.