

WFATE 2023 Conference Call for Proposals

Call for Proposals WFATE 2023

We extend a call for abstracts for submissions to the Seventh Biennial Conference of the World Federation of Associations for Teacher Education (WFATE) hosted by the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada from July 12 to 14, 2023. The theme for WFATE 2023 is **Re-imagining Teacher Education: From Words to Actions.**

In today's complex world of tension and strife, action to ensure equity and social justice is more important than ever. Teacher education has a significant role to play in preparing educators to acknowledge and value all students in our classrooms, schools and communities and ensure their individual and collective lifelong success. In this moment in teacher education we have the opportunity to reimagine teaching, schools, and systems to realize the potential of all people and communities. Collaboration between researchers, K-12 educators, and community organisations have the potential to transform systems that honour diverse ways of knowing and being and to encourage action/activism. To achieve transformation of educational systems, attention needs to be paid to educational practices, theories, and pedagogies to ensure mobilisation of equity and global action. Educators need access to transformative pedagogies and to create generative learning spaces that welcome all learners and their funds of knowledge. WFATE 2023 will bring together K-12 and postsecondary stakeholders to learn from each other to share a global perspective and to inform ways in which we can transform teacher education to encourage and support equity-focused actions.

The **sub-themes** for the conferences and the WFATE Research and Development Groups are:

1. Transforming pedagogies through collaborative curricular innovation → [Teacher Education: Curriculum & Partnerships](#)
2. Mobilizing equity through decolonizing teacher education → [Inclusion & Social Justice in Teacher Education](#)
3. Modelling global action in teacher education → [Global Teacher Education](#)
4. Harnessing technologies for liberatory action → [Transformation Society and Information](#)
5. [Transforming early development of children through educational practices](#)
→ [Early Childhood in a Global Context](#)
6. [Aligning Policy and Praxis](#) → [Policy and Politics](#)

Presentation Formats

There are four types of formats that presenters can select from:

- a) a paper presentation
- b) a poster presentation
- c) a symposium
- d) a workshop.

Paper Presentation (includes optional paper submission)

A paper presentation allows presenters to present and discuss original research in relation to the conference theme. Each paper presentation will be provided with a 25 minute presentation time slot. We suggest planning to use this time in such a way that the audience can actively participate in, and engage with, the presentation. Allocated discussion time should be included in the 25 minute presentation time slot.

Poster Presentation

A poster submission allows presentation of original research in a visual form that facilitates interaction. During the conference, posters will be displayed in the mingling area and there will be a block of time allocated when presenters will be available to discuss their posters. Posters can be portrait or landscape to a maximum size of 1.2 metres by 1.2 metres (4 feet by 4 feet). Panels and adhesives will be provided.

Symposium

A symposium provides an opportunity for a scholarly session focussed on a particular theme or topic. Each symposium will be 90 minutes long and can have between two and five contributors. One contributor should be the discussant who provides a plenary discussion of the ideas.

presented. Abstract submissions for symposia must be made by the symposium Chair on behalf of all presenters. The Chair will need to include the details of the session (title and 500-word summary) as well as the abstract of each paper which will form part of the session. The Chair may divide the 90 minutes as they choose, but time should be allocated for opening and closing remarks, presentations, and audience interaction.

Workshop

A workshop provides an opportunity for individuals or teams to offer a session that is practical and contributes to the learning of conference participants by advancing a deeper understanding of a conference theme or topic. Examples of formats of workshops include: a round table discussion on a particular topic or issue; a workshop where participants explore a specific methodology; or a hands-on practical session. Workshops will be 90 minutes long. Workshop organisers may divide the time slot they are allotted as they choose but they should ensure high levels of audience interaction. Abstract submissions for workshops must be made by the workshop chair on behalf of all presenters. It is the responsibility of the workshop Chair to organise any presenters and/or resources required for the workshop.

General Guidelines for Submissions

Submissions should be made via [google form](#). The submission form includes the following fields:

- name(s) of author(s);
- author affiliation(s);
- a brief-100 word biography for each author;
- title of submission;
- presentation format;
- an abstract of up to 500-words;
- conference sub-theme.

All submissions, posters and conference presentations must be in English.

Click [here](#) to view and complete the proposal form.

Submission Policy

- Proposals can include one or several presenters, but one author from each presentation must attend the conference to present on behalf of the team.
- To provide opportunities for as many presenters as possible, authors may serve as first author on at most one abstract for each presentation type (e.g., no more than four abstracts: for a paper presentation, a poster presentation, a symposium, and a workshop). Authors may participate in other roles at the conference, e.g. symposium chair, symposium discussant, a subsequent author on other submissions where they are

not the first author). To reiterate, authors may submit only one proposal for each format where they are listed as first author

- Accepted presenters must register for the conference in order to be included in the conference program.
- Abstracts submissions for all presentations will be de-identified and reviewed in a 'blind'

process by at least two reviewers from the conference committee.

- All abstracts will be provided in the conference programme.

Submission dates

- Initial deadline for proposals: 1st November, 2022
- Anticipated date for notice of acceptance to authors: 16th December, 2022

WFATE Journal Possibilities

Full papers from conference paper presentations or symposia may be submitted to the WFATE journal for a conference themed issue. Information will be provided during and after the conference regarding publication possibilities.