



## STRONGER TOGETHER:

Connecting & Collaborating  
for Rural Prosperity

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The Ohio Union  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio



# RURAL EDUCATION

*National Forum and 108th NREA  
Convention and Research Symposium*

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Proposals due by April 15, 2016

*Hosted by:*

**Battelle** *for Kids*



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**By presenting at the 2016 Rural Education National Forum and 108th NREA Convention and Research Symposium, presenters will have the opportunity to positively impact more than 500 rural education leaders from across the country. Presenters will share their strategies, successes, and challenges around important topics in rural education, including:**

- Developing community, business, or philanthropic partnerships to secure investments to support district, school, or classroom initiatives
- Linking rural education research to changes in policy and practice
- Creating partnerships between K-12 and higher education institutions to expand learning opportunities for educators and students
- Using new or innovative strategies to benefit districts, schools, or classrooms
- Implementing strategies for recruiting, selecting, developing, and retaining highly-effective educators
- Using proactive and creative communications efforts to engage parents and community members
- Encouraging students to take ownership of their own learning and build perseverance
- Connecting with the community to inspire creativity and encourage the development of entrepreneurial skills in students
- Developing the whole student, including social, health, and emotional needs



### **We are looking for sessions around the following topics:**

- Career pathways/dual enrollment
- College and career readiness
- Connecting education and local workforce/economic development efforts
- Hope and engagement
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Parent/community engagement
- Personalized learning/student ownership
- Rural education research/policy initiatives
- Shared services
- STEM/STEAM
- Technology/innovative tools
- Topic of your choice that fits the theme!



## GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

Up to two presenters per presentation will receive \$50 off the registration fees. Presenters will receive registration instructions after acceptance.

### VENUE

The 2016 event will be held at the Ohio Union, on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Union offers dynamic spaces, state-of-the-art technology in every room, and a professional event services team dedicated to making the event a success.

### AUDIENCE

Through the new partnership between Battelle for Kids and NREA, we expect to grow the event to more than 500 rural education leaders from around the country to learn, network, and collaborate on the issues and topics at the forefront of rural education.

### SESSION TYPES

#### 20-minute Research Symposium Sessions

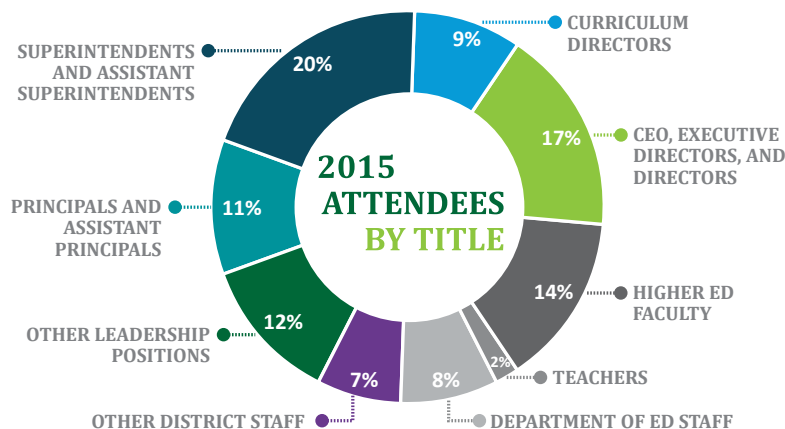
These sessions are for the purpose of sharing research about rural education issues. Three 20-minute like-topic presentations will be included within a one-hour session. A discussion leader will be assigned to each session. Proposals for research presentations should provide a summary of the research that addresses the following: (a) purpose/rationale of study; (b) method (including data sources); (c) findings; (d) conclusions, and (e) references. Research proposals will be peer reviewed by at least three members of the NREA Research Committee, and selected based on reviewer scoring and recommendations. Authors of top-scoring research proposals will compete for the distinguished Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award. Submitting authors of a small number of top-scoring research proposals will be invited to send the full paper to be read and judged by the awards subcommittee.

#### 30-minute Explore Sessions (formerly known as NREA workshops)

These TED-talk style sessions are intended for attendees to explore topics on innovative or promising practices in rural education in a brief, 30-minute format. Each presentation will be allotted 30 minutes and matched with one other presentation on a similar topic. Proposals should provide a brief description of the presentation and its relevance to leadership, teaching, learning, or policy in rural schools.

#### 60-minute Learning Sessions

These sessions are intended to go into more depth around innovative or promising practices in rural education in a 60-minute format. Proposals should provide a brief description of the presentation and its relevance to leadership, teaching, learning, or policy in rural schools.





## SUBMISSION AND SELECTION

**Prospective presenters will be asked the following questions during the online submission process:**

- Provide a compelling title as you would like it to appear in the event program (10 words or less). Remember to avoid abbreviations and acronyms, and keep in mind that many attendees only read the session titles, not the descriptions.
- Provide a description of your session as you would like it to appear in the event program (50–75 words). Be sure the description clearly identifies what attendees can expect from the session and entices them to attend.
- What topics in rural education is your session designed to address?
- How will you engage participants during your session?
- Describe the resources (if applicable) that participants will receive as part of your session.
- Provide the information for the primary contact and co-presenters for this session. Be sure the names and organizations appear as you would like them printed in the program.

### ONLINE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Completed proposals must be submitted by **April 15, 2016**.

We cannot accommodate special time and date requests for presentations. Please be sure you are available to present your session any time during the event.

Submit your proposal online at [bfk.me/RuralPresenter](http://bfk.me/RuralPresenter).

If you are unable to submit your proposal online, please respond to the proposal questions above and e-mail them to: [RuralEdForum@BattelleforKids.org](mailto:RuralEdForum@BattelleforKids.org).

### PROPOSAL SELECTION

The primary proposal contact will receive an e-mail notification regarding acceptance status by April 30, 2016, along with information on next steps if the proposal is accepted.



### QUESTIONS

Please contact [RuralEdForum@BattelleforKids.org](mailto:RuralEdForum@BattelleforKids.org).