CYFS Early Childhood RESEARCH SUMMIT

Creating Connections Among Research, Practice & Policy in Nebraska

CALL FOR FACULTY RESEARCH PROPOSALS
Due: February 23, 2026
Submission site: cyfs.unl.edu/ecs/2026/call-for-presentations

Information required for all presenters:
Name, Role, Title, Email address, Campus, Department

Session information required:
- Suggested Title of Presentation (10 words or less)
- Abstract: Submit a brief description of the session's content, including the implications of featured research (75 words or less)
- Description: Submit a description of the presentation, including a brief introduction to the topic, research questions, methods, findings, and significance/innovation of the work (300 words or less; key references may be included, but do not count towards word limit)
- Application to Practice and/or Policy: Specify a minimum of two ways the results from this research relate to practice and/or policy
- Policy/Practice Community Co-Presenters: Indicate whether any co-presenters are from the policy or practice communities
- Target Ages: Indicate ages of children targeted by the research
- Research Content: Indicate the research content of your presentation (select all that apply)
- Key Words: List two to three key words related to the presentation
- Preferred Session Type: Indicate preferred session type
  - Research Exchange Sessions: These sessions will take place during the morning or afternoon concurrent sessions. Individual researchers/teams will have 30 minutes to share their findings, following a pre-determined format. The session will conclude with a 15-minute facilitated discussion of applications to practice and policy. This session type allows researchers to share more detailed information.
  - Early Childhood Ignite Sessions: These sessions will take place during the morning or afternoon concurrent sessions. Each session will include two different, thematically linked research presentations. Each researcher will have 10 minutes and six slides to share their findings, followed by 5 minutes for questions. The session will conclude with a 15-minute facilitated discussion. This session type allows researchers to share high-level information.
  - Discovery Showcase: The Discovery Showcase is a research poster session that will take place from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and feature research from NU faculty, graduate students, or research teams. The lead presenter must be present for the entire showcase to share information on their findings. Only one poster per lead presenter will be accepted.

We recommend that responses are prepared in advance in a word processing program, and then copied into the online proposal submission form. The online submission form will not time out but if the page is refreshed or reloaded, the information that has been entered will be lost.

If you have questions on your submission, please email **Sommer Fousek (sfousek2@unl.edu).**