



Call for Program Proposals



29th Annual VIRTUAL Pacific Coast Research Conference February 2021 • Livestream Presentations over Zoom

About the Conference

PCRC is an annual research meeting most often held on the West Coast in mid-winter. It is intended for researchers concerned with teaching, learning, and schooling for students at risk for or with mild to moderate disabilities. PCRC is distinguished by the high quality of research presented, an informality that promotes effective and vigorous participation and interaction, and an opportunity to discuss controversial topics or work in progress. **Due to COVID-19, we are moving the 2021 conference completely online.**

We hope you will advertise this conference widely to your colleagues, including those outside the U.S. who are working on research with students at risk for or with mild to moderate disabilities, and that you will formulate a panel session or poster proposal for the conference. We encourage you to invite colleagues who are conducting related research but who have not previously attended PCRC.

General Guidelines for Submissions

- The conference welcomes panel and poster submissions
- Research proposed for presentation at PCRC should focus on teaching, learning, and schooling for students at risk for or with mild to moderate disabilities
- Provide sufficient detail in the proposal to permit the Program Committee to judge the quality of the research to be presented
- Titles are **limited to 12 words**
- Provide abstract for program booklet, **limited to 50 words**
- There are no individual paper presentations

Panel Guidelines

- Three to four participants are suggested for panel presentations
- **Graduate students may not present on panel presentations** but are welcome to submit a poster for consideration
- The organizer of a Panel Session unites researchers from several institutions to contribute brief perspectives on a single theme OR gathers researchers from a single institution to present various facets of a single piece of work

- Panel proposal themes may be methodological (approaches to data collection or data analysis) or substantive (convergent or divergent findings from various “labs”). We encourage you to include presentations using diverse research designs (e.g., single-case design, randomized control trials, mixed methods, qualitative) and focused on diverse content (e.g., academic intervention, behavioral interventions, new approaches to old problems). Preference will be given to presentations that focus on findings from empirical research studies. In addition, presentations on statistical or data analysis are encouraged.
- **Presenters cannot participate on more than one panel session. This includes the role of a discussant.**
- **750-word (maximum)** description of session should include a brief one-paragraph overview of the session, and, for each of the studies to be presented, the purpose or research questions, number/grade of participants, general research method, and findings
- Provide at least 3 questions or discussion items that will be used to facilitate audience participation in the discussion that will follow the Panel presentations. We strongly encourage presenters to build in 30 minutes of discussion time at the end of your session.

Poster Guidelines

- Proposals for posters should describe the study to be displayed
- Presenters can submit up to two posters. If you wish to submit a second poster, please e-mail **pacificcoastresearchconference@gmail.com**.
- **500 word (maximum)** description of session should include the purpose or research questions, number/grade of participants, general research method, and findings.

How to Submit a Proposal

Submissions are accepted online, starting **SEPTEMBER 15**. People on the PCRC mailing list (i.e., those who are receiving emails from pacificcoastresearchconference@gmail.com) will receive an email with a link to the online portal that day. You will be asked to provide the title, author names, and whether or not they are presenting, author affiliation, the abstract content, and a description of that session. You will want to have that information ready at the time you submit.

If you received this and are not on the PCRC mailing list, you may join it by **emailing the conference manager** at pacificcoastresearchconference@gmail.com.

Proposal Submission Deadline

Proposals must be submitted as complete via the online portal no later than **11:59 pm PT NOVEMBER 1**.

Program Committee

The 2021 program committee will include Endia Lindo, Erica Lembke, Michael Coyne, and Eric Oslund. The first person serves as chair of the program committee, and then rotates off the committee the following year. The replacement member of the program committee is nominated by the participants following the conference and is selected by current members of the program committee.

The program committee will review all submissions and select panels and posters for the 2021 conference in **November**. **All participants are expected to participate, and the substitution of other panelists is not acceptable.** If substitutions are necessary due to emergencies, the conference manager should be informed. If the panel in which you would present is not accepted for the program, you may be invited to submit your own work as a poster instead. Acceptance letters will be sent via email in **November 2020**.

Presentation Guidelines

Panel Sessions

- Each panel session lasts 90 minutes
- It is helpful, although not required, if at least one panel member has attended PCRC in the past and helps structure the presentation to maintain the spirit of the conference (i.e., plenty of time for discussion)
- Panels are required to reserve a minimum of 30 minutes for discussion
- Panel proposals require you to include a set of discussion questions and we hope you use these to facilitate discussion as needed

Poster Sessions

- Posters combine the graphic display of research with the opportunity for individualized, informal discussion
- Due to COVID-19 and the virtual setup of poster presentations, details are soon to come regarding poster presentations.

Participation Guidelines

- Presenting is no longer required to attend the conference, although registration preference is given to presenters.
- Due to COVID-19, we encourage attendance and participation in as many livestreamed panel sessions as is feasible for the registrant's schedule.

In-Person PCRC Retreat

Out of contractual obligation with the Loews, PCRC will go forward in planning an informal, small, intimate in-person gathering until state regulations and/or health limitations require us to cancel. Participants will take part in meaningful conversations over various assigned topics.

Registration for Virtual PCRC is included in the PCRC Retreat registration fee. Should the in-person gathering be canceled, retreat registrants will be refunded their registration fees minus the \$100 Virtual PCRC fee.

Registration

Registration will be available mid-November through January 15, 2021, via an online registration system. People on the conference mailing list will receive the link to register in mid-November. **If you are not registered by Jan. 15, 2021, your presentation will be removed from the program.** No on-site registration is available.

If you decide not to submit either a panel or poster proposal, you are still welcome to register for the 2021 meeting. We encourage you to present at least one time every three years.

Fees

- Virtual PCRC registration rate: \$100
- In-Person PCRC Retreat registration rate: \$350

Hotel

The Loews Coronado will provide a special room block to 2021 PCRC attendees. Visit the PCRC website for a link to the hotel room block when registration opens.