



Call for Proposals

**17th Annual Biology Education Research Symposium
NABT Professional Development Conference
October 31, 2025, St. Louis Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, MO**

We welcome all life sciences education researchers from elementary to graduate levels, in formal and informal settings, using qualitative or quantitative methods.

We invite you to submit a proposal to the 17th Annual Biology Education Research Symposium sponsored by the NABT Four Year University & College Section's Biology Education Research Committee. Previous presentations have included case study research on teaching evolution, action research in a high school setting, and modeling in elementary students. This is a refereed session to be presented at the [NABT Professional Development Conference](#) on October 31, 2025 in St. Louis. All papers will go through double-blind review using the [Reviewer Rubric](#). The format of the symposium will be a traditional presentation of papers by individuals or co-authors lasting 15 minutes each (with five minutes for Q&A). Reviewed proposals will be published as proceedings on the NABT website.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- Please only submit research that is not yet published.
- Proposals should be a maximum of five pages including references.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font, 1" margins, single spacing, and APA formatting. Please include the title at the top of each page, printed in capital letters.
- **Please DO NOT include author identifiers in this document.**

The body of the proposal should clearly address the following criteria; we recommend using the underlined portions as section headings:

- Subject/Problem: Is there a clear focus, rationale, model, theory, or philosophy guiding the proposal?
- Design or Procedure: Are the methodology, procedure, design, and organization appropriate?
- Analyses and Findings: Do the syntheses of ideas or data analyses and findings appear to be appropriate and complete? Do the conclusions follow from the data?
- Contribution: Do the conclusions contribute valuable insights into the teaching/learning of biology?
- General Interest: Does the presentation promise to be of general interest to NABT members?

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Please submit your completed proposal and 200-word abstract (to be used in the program, if selected) to <https://nabt.wufoo.com/forms/2025-nabt-biology-education-research-symposium/>

Your proposal must be uploaded as a WORD document. These WORD documents will be made into a PDF by the Chair of the research committee prior to submitting to the reviewers to ensure a blind review process.

Members of the Research Committee will send copies of your document without names and affiliation to at least two reviewers. After review, committee members will select proposals with the highest scores for acceptance in the *2025 NABT Professional Conference Research Symposium*.

DATES

The proposal submission deadline is 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time on **Monday, June 30, 2025**.

Blind review will take place in July and early August with final selection by late August 2025. All presenters are required to register for the conference. Accommodations will be made to allow for the early registration rate. Minor corrections to submissions can be made after acceptance. Proceedings from past years are available at <https://nabt.org/Call-for-Papers#Proceedings>.

QUESTIONS

Inquiries should be sent to NABTresearch@gmail.com with **2025 NABT Research Proposal** in the subject heading.