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CALL FOR SEER SUBMISSIONS
2026 Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER)
International Association of Experiential Education (AEE) Conference
November 12 - 14, Estes Park, CO

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Overview: Submissions describing original empirical research and scholarly conceptual contributions in the area of experiential education (EE) for the Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER) are being solicited for the 2025 Annual Association for Experiential Education (AEE) International Conference. **See page 2 for submission instructions.**

Following acceptance, SEER authors will participate in the following components:
- **Presentation:** Present research in-person at the SEER/AEE Conference in either an oral presentation or poster presentation.
- **Publication:** Authors will choose to publish either an Abstract (1,500 words) or Full Manuscript (8,000 words) in a special issue of the *Journal of Experiential Education (JEE)*. *We will provide authors with details regarding these publication formats upon acceptance.*

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Conditions for Submission of SEER Abstracts

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1. Completed empirical studies or scholarly conceptual contributions are suitable for submission. Abstracts of work in progress may also be submitted, provided analyses are completed when the final abstract is due. Only studies or papers that have not been previously published or presented at another professional conference may be submitted. Papers that address the same question, use the same analyses, or develop the same logical argument as previous publications or presentations are not eligible for inclusion in SEER.
2. SEER co-chairs review abstracts to ensure adherence to the SEER specifications. Abstracts then undergo a double-blind peer review process and are rated using the following criteria:
   a. Pertinent to the *JEE* and the experiential education field,
   b. Conceptual rigor (grounding relevant theory, construct definitions, logical reasoning, justification based on prior literature)
   c. Methodological rigor (research design, sample, measures/protocols, and analytic methods; soundness of argumentation if a non-empirical paper)
   d. Connection to prior literature (refers to topics discussed in the *JEE*, draws on other relevant experiential education literature, citations are current and/or foundational, etc.)
   e. Readability (professional writing skills displayed, clarity of presentation, organization of concepts, appropriate length, etc.)
   f. Potential impact (the extent to which the paper will influence future scholarship, policy, or practice; the likelihood it will be cited by future authors, used in a teaching context, etc.)
   g. Contribution to promoting social justice and equity and/or reducing disparities in the experiential education field
   h. Proper APA 7th edition formatting (https://apastyle.apa.org/)
3. The highest ranked abstracts will be selected for SEER presentations. Submissions may be rejected due to time and space limitations, prior presentation/publication of the same material, excessive APA formatting or writing errors, weaknesses in the study itself, or failure to follow submission and preparation guidelines (see below).
4. The deadline for SEER abstract submission is **May 1, 2026.**
5. The authors will be notified via e-mail of the status of their submission by **July 1, 2026**.
6. Depending on the publication pathway, authors will submit their revised abstract or full length manuscript to the ScholarOne portal by **October 15, 2026**.

Submission Preparation Details

Abstracts must be prepared following the *JEE* Submission Guidelines, the key points of which are summarized briefly below. Please carefully read and follow the **"Preparing your manuscript for submission"** and **"Submitting your manuscript"** tabs listed on that website. Here is a template you can use (Please make a copy)

1. **Contents:** A typical empirical abstract submitted will include a review of the relevant peer-reviewed literature, statement of purpose/need for the study, method, results, discussion, and references. Data analysis does not need to be completed by the initial submission deadline but must be completed by the final abstract submission date before the conference. A scholarly conceptual abstract must effectively articulate how the proposed conceptual framework adds to the existing literature and advances the experiential education field.

2. **Format and Length:** Abstracts should not exceed 1,500 words (approximately 6 pages double-spaced), including references. They should be in 12-point font with one-inch margins on all sides, include consecutively numbered pages, and submitted in Microsoft Word format in English. Use the current edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA 7th ed.). All author identifiers should be removed. The first page of the abstracts should begin with the full title of the paper, but NOT the name(s) of the author(s).

3. **Additionally, all submissions must include:**
    a. **A 200-word summary "abstract" of your full abstract following the JEE guidelines** (example here) on the first page of your manuscript.
    b. **Keywords:** three to five keywords on the first page of the manuscript
    c. **Significance of Research Statement:** one or two sentences "significance of the research" statement which explains the main take-away from the study, written in language for general audiences, on the first page of the manuscript.
    d. **Title Page:** A separate title page should include the full title of the paper (12 words or less), the name, title, affiliation, and email of each author; the mailing address and phone number of the principal author; and a word count for the manuscript. **Please also include an "Author Note" indicating if you are interested in a poster and/or oral presentation.** Upload the title page as a separate document during the submission process. Example of a title page.

Submission Instructions

1. Visit the ScholarOne website: https://journals.sagepub.com/home/JEE
2. Click "Submission Guidelines" then "Visit Submission Site" then create an account or log in, and follow the instructions on ScholarOne Portal.
    a. Under "Type," select SEER Abstract
    b. Follow the instructions provided on the ScholarOne Portal.

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