



2024 Educators Rising Louisiana State Conference

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ULM Educators Rising Collegiate Chapter

Call for Session Proposals

Deadline for session proposals: Friday, January 19
Selected presentations will be announced by Friday, February 2
Event date: Thursday, February 29

[Click here](#) to submit a session proposal.

The University of Louisiana Monroe Educators Rising Collegiate Chapter is very excited to host the 2024 Louisiana Educators Rising State Conference on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at ULM. Conference events and activities will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning with registration and pre-conference activities. Here is the link to the conference website with more information: <https://www.ulm.edu/edulead/>

This year's state conference theme is "**Discover Your Legacy**" and the national conference theme is "**Discover Your Potential.**" We invite aspiring and current educators, school counselors, and leaders in middle school, high school, college, and district/state departments to submit proposals for conference presentations, panels, interactive workshops, poster showcases, interactive bulletin boards, and/or teaching/learning as art. Proposals can be submitted in collaboration with others.

Below are the conference strands with examples of possible topics for each. However, you are not limited to any of these:

- Cultural Competence
- Fairness, Equity and Diversity
- Reflective Practice
- Ethics
- Collaboration
- Social Justice and Advocacy
- Self-Efficacy
- Teaching/Learning as Art

Presentation topics should interest aspiring and current educators, school counselors and/or education leaders. The following is a list of potential topics and their target audiences. Feel free to present a topic not on the list if it is related to education.

Topic	Middle School Students	High School Students	College Students	K-12 Teachers	School Counselors	Higher Education Faculty	Education Leaders
Understanding the Profession	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Learning about Students	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Building Content Knowledge	X	X	X	X		X	X
Engaging in Responsive Planning			X	X	X	X	X
Implementing Instruction		X	X	X		X	X
Using Assessment and Data			X	X	X	X	X
Engaging in Reflective Practice			X	X		X	X
Transition to/Success in College		X	X		X		
Succeeding in Your First Year of Teaching			X	X		X	X
Current Educational Issues and Innovative Solutions			X	X	X	X	X
Social-Emotional Learning			X	X	X	X	X
Mentoring New Teachers				X		X	X
Effective Teaching Practices			X	X		X	X
Using Field Experiences to Enhance Learning			X	X		X	X
Supporting Diverse Learners			X	X	X	X	X
Service-Learning to Support Schools and Communities		X	X	X	X		X
Recruitment and Retention of Teacher Candidates			X	X	X		X

As someone with an interest in future Louisiana educators, this is your conference. This year the state conference offers six choices for presentation submissions, four of which are competitions:

1. **Speaking Presentation (Competition):** Presenters will have 40 minutes to share a presentation related to the state or national conference theme, suggested topics, or other education-related ideas. Submit a proposal naming your topic, describing the session and its importance, what you plan to share, and what attendees should expect to take away. Plan for either providing handouts or presenting with a PowerPoint. Competition: Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the following categories: Middle School Student, High School Student, College Student, K-12 Teacher, and Higher Education Faculty.
2. **Poster Presentation (Competition):** Consider showcasing your work in poster form as part of a poster session. Conference attendees will walk around visiting each poster presenter. Your poster (approximately 36" x 48") should be free-standing or you can bring an easel on which to display it. We can also provide easels if needed. Submit your topic, abstract, poster objectives, and poster description. You should prepare a mini-pitch of your project to share with attendees in less than 5 minutes. Handouts for attendees about the information on your poster are encouraged, but not required. Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the following categories: Middle School Student, High School Student, College Student, and K-12 Teacher.

3. **Hands-on Workshop or Activity Session (Competition).** Facilitate a workshop with an audience in mind. Involve participants in activities around a topic. Examples include a demonstration of a lesson, facilitating the active participation of students, alternative assessments, project-based learning, digital skills, grant writing, etc. In your proposal submission, include the topic of your session, a short description of the activities involved in your session, and the intended audience. Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the following categories: College Student, K-12 Teacher, and Higher Education Faculty.
4. **Panel.** This proposal is for the suggestion of a topic that a panel of individuals coming with you would address in a discussion format. Provide your suggested topic, its description in abstract format, the intended audience for the panel, and the names of at least four-panel participants.
5. **Educators Rising Workgroup.** Do you have insights to share on how to initiate an Educators Rising chapter, how to boost recruitment, how to gain community support, or any other ideas that might benefit Educators Rising chapters? Leaders, teachers, sponsors, faculty advisors, or students: Submit a proposal to tell what you would like to share, how you might facilitate this session, and what attendees should take away from this experience.
6. **Interactive Bulletin Boards for Elementary or Middle/High School classrooms (Competition).** If you have created an interactive bulletin board suitable for an elementary or middle/high school classroom that you would like to share, this is your opportunity. The board must not exceed 36" x 48". All attachments for the board must be incorporated on the front side in an original, coherent, and creative manner. Attached information and decorations must not exceed more than 6 inches beyond the display's edges. All items used to create the bulletin board may be purchased, handmade, or computer-generated. Even though items can be purchased, this does not include purchasing bulletin board sets and using the set as your bulletin board. All computer-generated content must abide by the Educators Rising copyright policy. The bulletin board must show evidence of creativity and originality. Participants are responsible for the transportation of their board to and from the conference site. **Interactive Bulletin Board Presentation Competition: An interactive session with judges.** At the start of the 3-5-minute presentation, participants will provide three copies of a Summary Sheet for the judges, which will include:
 - a. **The names of all contestants**
 - b. **School, district/parish, and city names**
 - c. **Instructional objectives for the board**
 - d. **Target audience**
 - e. **Details about how students will interact with the display**

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- 7. Art/Photo Teaching/Learning (Competition).** Teaching is an art and learning. This competition involves the depiction of teaching or learning in an art or photo format. Do you have a photo or piece of artwork that you think depicts the teaching profession? Students learning? Consider entering it into this competition. Art pieces may not exceed 36" x 48". We will provide easels for all photos/paintings or a table for displaying your sculptures or other art pieces. Please submit a title for your art piece, along with a brief description (abstract).

Proposals will be accepted until Friday, January 19, 2024. Please use the form below to submit what you would like to present. Abstracts should be between 50-75 words and will be used (or adapted to be used) in the conference schedule to advertise the session. Please submit no more than 2 proposals as lead presenter. All accepted presenters will be notified by Friday, February 2, 2024. All presenters must register as attendees of the conference. To register, go to: www.ulm.edu/edulead.

If you have any questions about submissions, please email Dr. Sandy Watson at swatson@ulm.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at ULM on Thursday, February 29th!