

AERA Annual Meeting 2021

Division K Graduate Student Pre-conference Virtual Seminar: Working Towards Equity and Justice in Teaching and Teacher Education Research

Applications for the Division K Graduate Student Pre-conference Seminar at the 2021 Annual Meeting are now being accepted! Application deadline is **January 22, 2021**.

Research in teaching and teacher education, as a multifaceted field shaped by complex and competing perspectives across diverse theoretical, methodological and ideological perspectives, has much to contribute to the 2021 theme “Accepting Educational Responsibility.” Through work and debates on how teacher education, professional development, and educational policy contribute to entrenched inequities within and beyond educational institutions, Division K is committed to ameliorating inequities and injustices in teaching and teacher education.

The Graduate Student pre-conference Seminar is a place for emerging scholars to explore how their research is located within these debates. It is also a place to develop a better understanding of their emerging role as teacher educators who engage in educational research for the public good, and who contribute to teacher education theory and practice. This pre-conference seminar also allows for opportunities to meet and talk with other emerging and established scholars in the field of teacher education research about key aspects of transitioning to the academy, including publishing, navigating the job market, and different career trajectories.

The 2-hour seminar will take place in a virtual forum one to three days before the AERA annual meeting; AERA is currently creating the schedule. Applications from graduate students doing research on any aspect of the Division’s work in Teaching and Teacher Education are eligible, and those focused on the Division’s call for focusing on issues of social and educational in/equity and in/justice are further encouraged. All methodological approaches and all theoretical frameworks are welcomed. **This year, Division K is also providing--in conjunction with the pre-conference seminar--an additional mentoring session for graduate students of color focused on navigating the academy as scholars of color.**

Doctoral students can apply to participate in the Seminar if they meet **two criteria**: (a) have a dissertation proposal approved by the time of the 2021 Annual Meeting, and (b) are nominated by their dissertation chair (or a member of their committee). Underrepresented students and those whose research advances educational and racial equity for underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Materials

Students interested in participating in the Graduate Student Seminar should submit the following materials electronically to divisionkgraduateseminar@gmail.com (Subject heading—Application: Div K Grad St Sem 2021):

- One paragraph that addresses your interest in the Division K Graduate Student Seminar, including why you are interested in attending and the kind of mentoring support you hope to receive.
- If you identify as a scholar of color and are interested in participating in the additional

mentoring session on navigating the academy as a scholar of color, please indicate this in bold within your application paragraph.

- Division K has limited funds to support pre-conference seminar applicants with their conference registration fees. Please indicate in your letter whether you request registration fee support.

- A Summary of Dissertation Research not exceeding 1,000 words that includes:
 - the problems/questions your dissertation study addresses,
 - why your study is important and how it connects to theory and other research,
 - a description of methods/research design, and
 - where you will be in the dissertation process by the 2021 AERA Annual Meeting in April (e.g., data collection, data analysis, writing, or defending).
 - How the pre-conference seminar can support your work, what kind of help you are looking for.

- A Letter of Support from your Dissertation Advisor, Major Professor or other Committee Member. The letter should verify that your proposal has been defended or will be defended before the Annual Meeting in April 2021.

Please label your files as follows:

- Last Name First Name Statement of Interest (e.g. Sample_Ima_Statement_of_Interest.pdf)

- Last Name First Name Dissertation Research (e.g. Sample_Ima_Dissertation_Research.pdf)

- Last Name First Name Support Letter (e.g. Sample_Ima_Support_Letter.pdf)

Selection Criteria

The criteria for selection of participants include:

1. Significance of the problem or question(s);
2. Clarity of the question(s);
3. Fit between the research design and the question(s);
4. Complementarities of topic to other applicants to the seminar;
5. Potential benefit of the experience to applicant; and
6. Connections as well as potential contributions to existing knowledge or theory OR Clarity as to new and important area of research.

Selected applicants will be notified by February 22, 2021. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For questions, contact Dr. Hala Ghouseini at divisionkgraduateseminar@gmail.com

******Deadline: January 22, 2021**