



National Middle Grades Research Program

Project Proposal Form

The Middle Level Education Research SIG launched the National Middle Grades Research Program (NMGRP) in 2006 during the Annual Meeting of AERA in San Francisco. This program was created in response to strategic planning by the MLER SIG. For a complete history of the NMGRP and its first project please visit the MLER website at <http://www.rmle.pdx.edu>

While the “program” refers to the overarching efforts of the MLER SIG to engage in high-quality, research that is national or international in scope, each project focuses on a middle grades issue that needs additional research.

DIRECTIONS: Proposals are limited to five, double-spaced typed pages and must address each of the following components.

1. Project leaders: Submit complete contact information for each project leader. It is suggested that there is a minimum of three or four project leaders (depending on scope of project).
2. Focus of the project: Describe the topic to be researched.
3. Rationale of the project: Explain the need for this research.
4. Collaborations with outside groups, agencies, or organizations. If you are intending to involve other groups or organizations, a complete description of that collaborative arrangement is needed along with a letter of willingness to participate from members of the collaborating group.
5. Intended goals or objectives for the project. Specify an explicit set of goals or objectives for the project.
6. Tentative timeline: Indicate the lifespan of this project. Note whether it includes multiple phases.
7. Proposed training for MLER SIG members: Detail how, when, and where the trainings will occur.
8. Products: Identify the products of this research project. For example, indicate whether a database will be established, the kinds of data to be generated, and where and how the data will be stored. Other products could include a book, a series of articles, and presentations at National Middle School Association conference and/or the Annual Meeting of AERA.
9. Resource support: Explain the resource support (e.g., financial, session allocation at AERA, website support) needed from the MLER SIG.

Any questions related to the preparation of the proposal are to be directed to the current Chair of the MLER SIG. Completed proposals are to be electronically submitted to the current Chair of the MLER SIG.