

Instructions for Submitting a Volume Proposal

The series editors for the *Handbook of Research in Middle Level Education* and the *Handbook of Resources in Middle Level Education* invite you to submit a proposal for a Handbook volume. The Handbook series are published by Information Age Publishing and are endorsed by the Middle Level Education Research SIG. Topics for handbook volumes should address research or resources specific to middle level education. A current list of volumes is available on the SIG website.

Help the series editors envision the purpose and audience for your volume by submitting a proposal (2-4 pages) that includes the elements listed below. Our goal is to understand how your volume could make an important and unique contribution to the field. Begin your proposal by explaining the overall rationale, objectives, and significance of the volume in a detailed statement of purpose. Within your statement, please provide the following:

- An indication if this will be a volume in the *Research* or *Resources* series;
- A working title;
- A list of author(s) and/or editor(s);
- For edited volumes, include a list of potential contributors, their affiliations, and indicate the type of call for submissions (open or invited);
- A discussion of how your volume is important to the field of middle level education, how it will extend current knowledge, and how it will explore previously unrecognized or infrequently considered topics or issues in the literature;
- An explanation of how you expect readers to make use of the volume; and
- Beyond middle level researchers, faculty, or educators, list any other specific audiences for your volume.

In addition to your statement of purpose, please include:

- 1) An outline of the volume that provides a short narrative description of each section/chapter. For edited volumes, provide a list of the potential chapter titles or topics that will be covered.
- 2) An abbreviated curriculum vitae (2 page max) for each author(s) or editor(s). Please indicate the author(s)' or editor(s)' publication and editing experience.

A review board will be established for each volume in the Handbook of Research/Resources.

Email your proposal to the series editors: Micki Caskey (caskeym@pdx.edu) and Steve Mertens (smertens@ilstu.edu).

We appreciate your interest in the MLER SIG Handbook series and look forward to receiving your proposal.