



Form for submitting extended proposals  
for consideration for the  
**2020 ROBERT J. MENGES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH  
IN EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Instructions:**

- Boxes will expand to accommodate text.
- Total **word count must not exceed 2000 words** for the body of the proposal, excluding references and appendices. Be sure to include the word counts in each section, as well as the total for all sections (see below).
- Supporting information focused explicitly on research design, instruments, and visual descriptions of findings (e.g., graphs, tables, figures, models, images) may be placed in appendices. Additional information associated with the research questions, relationship of the literature to the research at hand, or the limitations and study significance are **not** allowed in the appendices. Though not limited, the strongest proposals are typically supported by no more than 10 pages of appendices. To conserve space, for example, you can place multiple figures on one page, single-space survey instruments, etc. Keep in mind, the selection committee is not required to read beyond this general limit.
- The POD Network values ethical research practices. If your research involves human subjects, you must include documentation that indicates IRB approval. Depending on the perceived risks of the research, the full protocol may be requested.
- **“Blind” your proposal** by removing any direct references to you, your co-authors, institution, and supporting publications. Be sure to blind all parts of your proposal, including appendices.
- Incomplete proposals and those that do not conform to the above instructions, will not be considered.
- Send your proposal to the committee chair in **MS Word format**. For consistency, it is helpful if you use calibri, 11 pt font.

RESEARCHERS NAMES (please indicate primary contact with a *):	INSTITUTION(S):	EMAIL ADDRESS(ES):
Add lines as necessary.		

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**SESSION TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does the research described herein involve human subjects (highlight one):**    **yes**    **no**  
If yes, submit under separate cover documentation that indicates IRB approval.

**1. RESEARCH QUESTION(S) & WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO THE FIELD:**

Things to consider (delete before adding your text):

- The research question is clearly stated.
- The significance of the research question is clearly identified.
- The approach to the study and/or the associated findings have the potential to significantly advance the field or scholarship practices of educational development.
- The study and associated findings are closely connected to and advance the [POD Network's mission](#).

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**2. DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH DESIGN:**

Things to consider (delete before adding your text):

- The design of the study is appropriate to the research question(s).
- The research approach/design is thorough, including appendices that illustrate the research tools used (questions asked; inter-rater reliability & validity; qualitative analysis approaches, rubrics, etc.).

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**3. LITERATURE REVIEW & THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LITERATURE TO YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION(S):**

Things to consider (delete before adding your text):

- The relationship of the project to the field of educational development is addressed thoroughly & clearly.
- It is clear that the project is grounded in and/or extends upon existing literature and/or theoretical frameworks. This is supported with appropriate citations & references.

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#### 4. FINDINGS, INCLUDING THEIR SIGNIFICANCE & LIMITATIONS:

Things to consider (delete before adding your text):

- The data are clearly presented & explained and aim to address the research question(s).
- The data support the conclusions.
- The analysis of the data is thorough.
- Limitations of the data, findings & conclusions are discussed effectively & do not diminish the value of the study.
- The approach to the study and/or the associated findings have the potential to significantly advance the field or scholarship practices of educational development.
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TOTAL WORD COUNT FOR ALL 4 SECTIONS (MAX 2000 WORDS):

#### REFERENCES

References do not count toward your overall word count. APA format preferred.

**Appendices:** Supporting information focused explicitly on research design, instruments, and visual descriptions of findings (e.g., graphs, tables, figures, models, images) may be placed in appendices. Additional information associated with the research questions, relationship of the literature to the research at hand, or the limitations and study significance are **not** allowed in the appendices. Though not limited, the strongest proposals are typically supported by no more than 10 pages of appendices. To conserve space, for example, you can place multiple figures on one page, single-space survey



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