



Research for Impact
USC ROSSIER RESEARCH CONFERENCE

2025 USC Rossier Research Conference

Call for Proposals

Dean Pedro Noguera, in conjunction with the Rossier Research Office, is pleased to announce the 2025 USC Rossier Research Conference, showcasing current research from USC Rossier faculty, students, staff and recent alumni across centers and programs. This will be an internal event open to all Rossier students, faculty, staff, and invited guests.

Date: March 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time

Location: USC Hotel, University Park Campus

Theme: Our theme is *Research for Impact*. Rossier researchers are making significant contributions to advancing equity and improving learning opportunities in communities, K-12 schools, and higher education through partnerships and collaboration in Los Angeles and beyond. Proposals should highlight how their research is making an impact through practice, research, and/or policy.

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: December 2, 2024

Submission Information: Please use the [submission link](#) to submit your proposal by **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time, December 2, 2024**. Requested information includes type of session, title of session/presentations, names/emails for all presenters and moderator if applicable, and an abstract (up to 500 words) describing the presentation that includes a brief but precise statement of the problem or issue, a description of the research method and design, major findings, and conclusions reached.

Please note: All in-person presentations may be videotaped and/or photographed during the conference. All presenters/moderators will be asked to sign and submit an “Image Release Form” prior to the conference.

For questions regarding submissions, please email Laura.Mulfinger@rossier.usc.edu

Virtual Information Session: The Rossier Office of Research and the Rossier Student Organization Council (RSOC) co-sponsored a virtual information session last fall on how to prepare a successful conference proposal. **The video of the information session can be viewed [here](#).**

In-Person Conference Session Types:

1) Plenary Panel Sessions

- Plenary Panel Sessions will be 40 minutes in length (inclusive of question time), and will take place in the ballroom. They should include multiple presenters (3-5, including the moderator if applicable), preferably a mix of faculty, postdocs/students, and a moderator if desired. Plenary Panel Sessions may highlight one project or may include several projects that are related or fall within a similar context. Proposals for Plenary Panel Sessions should be submitted in coordination with all presenters; individual work will not be considered for these presentations. Presentations should include research methods, data, findings, and implications *Completed studies are preferred.*

2) Panel Sessions

- Concurrent Panel Sessions will be a formal presentation, 30 minutes in length (inclusive of question time) and can include 2-4 presenters. Proposals for Panel Sessions should be submitted in coordination with all presenters; individual work will not be considered for these presentations. These sessions will take place concurrently in smaller breakout rooms. *Completed studies are preferred.*

3) Individual Presentations

- Short Individual Presentations, 10-15 minutes in length (inclusive of question time) by one individual presenter. These presentations will take place concurrently in smaller breakout rooms. *Both completed and in-progress research studies as well as preliminary and well-established research are acceptable. Research presented may have co-authors but only one person may present.*

Virtual Research Showcase

- Presenters who cannot attend in person or who do not wish to make a live presentation, will have the opportunity to submit a brief, 5-minute pre-recorded electronic research presentation. The format can include up to three slides, a poster, or other media, such as a short video, and should include a recorded voiceover describing the research. These presentations will be available for viewing by attendees throughout the conference. Here is the link to the [Virtual Showcase PowerPoint Instructions](#). *Both completed and in-progress research studies as well as preliminary and well-established research are acceptable.*

Previous conference session recordings and virtual showcase presentations can be found at the bottom of the [Research at USC Rossier](#) page on the USC Rossier website.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I present virtually?

Yes, you can submit a pre-recorded presentation to the Virtual Research Showcase for asynchronous sharing during the conference and on the Rossier research website after the conference

Can I attend virtually?

The keynote speech, plenary panels and selected breakout sessions will be live streamed and recordings will be available.

Can I submit more than one proposal?

Yes.

Are students eligible to submit for any of these presentation categories?

Yes.

Can I submit a proposal if I presented at last year's conference?

Yes.

Can I submit a proposal with a district or non-profit partner?

Yes, as long as a Rossier faculty, postdoc, or student leads the proposal and session.

Do we need to have a moderator?

No, that is optional.

Can I invite guests?

No, unfortunately, due to limited resources we cannot accommodate extra conference attendees.

Is parking provided?

On-campus parking will be provided for students upon request.

Do the proposal submitters need to be identified?

Yes, all presenters' and co-authors' names must be listed in the submission.

When will presenters be notified?

Presenters will be notified in early January 2025.

Can I submit work that has already been published and/or presented?

Yes, submissions should be based on current or recent work. Panels can be based on notable compilations of work.