



Research Symposium Agenda 2024-2025

About the event: The MLRC Research Symposium is a unique two-day workshop for international educators to engage deeply in existing research about multilingual learners, connect with global education scholars, inquire together about shared problems of practice, and discuss innovative strategies for serving multilingual learners.

Goal: School-based teams will identify a problem of practice, draw on relevant research to consider strengths and goals for improvement, and design an action research plan.

Objectives:

- Connect research on teaching multilingual learners to your classroom and school
- Learn together with other researchers and practitioners to improve outcomes for multilingual learners
- Build capacity for school-based inquiry through action research

Day 1 - Saturday		Day 2 - Sunday	
8:00-8:30	Registration & Coffee	8:00-8:30	Reconnect & Coffee
8:30-9:00	Welcome & Introductions	8:30-9:00	Looking Back & Looking Ahead
9:00-10:15	Hands On: Demystifying Research	9:00-10:15	Problems of Practice: Focusing Your Inquiry
10:15-10:45	BREAK	10:15-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	Sharing Research Insights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translanguaging - Collaboration - Inclusive EAL 	10:45-12:00	Crowdsourcing Innovation: Understanding What Works
12:00-1:00	LUNCH	12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-2:15	Team Focus: Choosing a Topic & Diving Deeper	1:00-2:15	Team Focus: Making an Action Research Plan
2:15-2:45	BREAK	2:15-2:45	BREAK
2:45-4:00	Making Connections: Glocal Scholar Insights	2:45-4:00	Putting It All Together & Individual School Consultations

Post-Research Symposium

Action Research Support: Following the Research Symposium, the MLRC provides ongoing support for school-based teams through the end of the school year via:

- Regular email check-ins with individual teams
- Monthly webinars for all participants
- Online tools: developed by MLRC team and co-developed with partner schools

February, March, April	<p>Monthly webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronous Zoom webinars focus on key topics to support team’s ongoing action research projects, such as addressing common barriers, data collection and data analysis. • All webinars are recorded to allow for asynchronous engagement if teams are unable to attend the live sessions.
May	<p>Capstone: At the end of the school year, teams are invited to share their findings with the larger MLRC School Network at the Capstone. This can be a recorded video presentation, an infographic or a summary paper. The goal is for all teams to share what they learned and how they might refine or sustain this inquiry in the following school year.</p>
On-Going	<p>Co-Writing & Co-Presenting: Additionally, teams are encouraged to consider writing articles and/or presenting at regional conferences to share findings from their action research as well as lessons learned. Teams will be offered the option to co-write articles and/or co-present at conferences with the MLRC team.</p>