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Multilingual Learning Research Center

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. It is followed by four months of online support.

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 context
- Learn together with other researchers and practitioners to improve outcomes for multilingual learners
- Build capacity for school-based inquiry through action research

Day 1		Day 2	
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	MLRC Research Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Translanguaging- Collaboration- Inclusive EAL	9:00-10:15	Making Connections: Glocal Scholar Insights
10:15-10:45	BREAK	10:15-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	Sharing Research Insights & Crowdsourcing Innovation	10:45-12:00	Research Design & Methodologies
12:00-1:00	LUNCH	12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-2:15	Hands On: Demystifying Research 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	Problems of Practice: Focusing Your Inquiry	2:45-4:00	Putting It All Together

Post-Research Symposium

Action Research Support: The MLRC provides ongoing support for school-based teams through Online tools and resources available through the MLRC member Hub. Additionally, following the completion of each Research Symposium, the MLRC supports cohorts in the following ways:

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 Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of the school year, teams are invited to share their findings through a Capstone report, published in the MLRC School Network Member Hub. • The goal is for all teams to share what they learned, how their findings can impact their school and possible next steps.
On-Going	<p>Action Research Coaching (Optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action research coaches are an optional additional service to support teams through mentoring and guidance. • If a school wants additional, customized and in-depth support, the MLRC has partnered with several consultants who can be contracted for action research coaching.
On-Going	<p>Co-Writing & Co-Presenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 who complete a Capstone report may be offered the opportunity to co-write articles and/or co-present at conferences with the MLRC team.