



NARST- Early Career Scholar Institute – (NARST-ECSI) 2023

CALL FOR SCHOLARS

"Building a Strong Foundation for the Future"

The inaugural NARST: Early Career Scholars Institute (ECSI) will commence from May to August 2024. This Institute is focused on ensuring our early career scholars are connected to our community and supported in their future professional work. The Institute will have meetings focused on the essential skills and knowledge needed in the first years of a scholar's career.

We are looking for up to 24 scholars to participate in this Institute. Selected scholars should have recently graduated with their terminal degree (within the last few years), and be in their first academic (e.g., Lecturer, Assistant Professor) or research position (e.g., research scientist, post-doctoral fellow). The Institute scholars will work with selected NARST mentors in the virtual environment, but there will be optional f2f meetings.

This Institute's goals are:

- Engage a diverse number of new science education scholars in a supportive environment that guides their development as science education professionals.
- Assist scholars in developing a research trajectory and exploring different venues to disseminate their work.
- Support new scholars in understanding the science education research community and their important position in this community.
- Cultivate a network of emerging scholars.
- Help scholars develop a proposal/session to present at NARST 2025.

The Institute will span March 2024- August 2024 and consist of:

- Virtual or face-to-face meeting at NARST 2024, Denver, Colorado.
- 31 hours of online programming consisting of: Opening and Closing sessions, Critical Research Groups, Mentor Talks, Workshops (e.g., writing for publication, CV building), and Coffee Breaks (short social opportunities to meet other scholars). May-August, 2024.
- Optional virtual or face-to-face meeting for those attending NARST 2025, TBD.

As a scholar, your responsibilities include:

- Attend the scheduled meetings (It is important that you attend the meetings scheduled by your mentors.
- Meetings will be scheduled based on the availability of the scholars. If you have extensive obligations during the Institute time period, please consider if you can commit fully to this Institute).
- Prepare for the scheduled conversations.
- Complete assignments in a timely manner.
- Collaborate with your colleagues.

*To apply, please fill out the application form that requires demographic information; a one-page summary of your current and future work, and career aspirations; up to one-page regarding your goals, your potential contributions (e.g., diverse perspective, unique view point, novel research), and what you hope to learn by attending this Institute; and a five-page CV highlighting scholarship. You will also need one letter of support from your current supervisor or department head. **The application is here: [link](#)** Applications are due by January 15, 2024, midnight (your time). Participants will be selected with respect to methodological, conceptual, geographical/institutional, and racial/ethnic diversity. There will be need-based scholarships for childcare, online fees, travel to NARST, or any other expense that may prohibit you from participating in the program.*

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