

The 29th Annual Conference of
the Special Interest Group of the Mathematical Association of America on
Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education (SIGMAA on RUME)

Guidelines for Working Group proposals

Proposal due date: Friday, September 11, 2026 at 11.59 PM PT US
via [online form](#)

Working groups are formal or informal groups of individuals pursuing and supporting research in a particular area or topic of interest. To serve the purposes of networking, mentoring, and research collaboration, the SIGMAA on RUME has been hosting research working groups at the annual RUME conference since 2009, and encouraging the development of new working groups for the conference.

RUME hosts both new and ongoing working groups by providing pre-conference meeting space and time slots. Hosted working groups will be provided with a meeting room and A/V equipment (subject to availability) at the conference hotel for their meeting, taking place on **Thursday, February 25, 2027, from 8:00 am – noon.**

Each working group operates independently from the RUME organization. Groups define their own leadership structure, goals, duration, scope, activities, and ways of organizing. A group may gather once or engage in longer-term collaborative or cooperative work. Since working groups are not managed by the SIGMAA on RUME, please direct any questions about joining a working group to that group's organizers.

Working group sessions at the RUME conference offer opportunities that complement regular conference presentations. Although groups vary in focus and format, successful proposals will describe how the group will contribute to achieving the following goals:

1. Increase, strengthen, and expand research efforts in a particular area of interest.
2. Foster networking by creating or supporting research collaborations.
3. Welcome new members, support accessibility and belonging, and provide mentoring opportunities for new or transitioning researchers.

Working group sessions create space for involvement, professional growth, and scholarly community beyond regular conference sessions. Organizers are asked to help participants benefit professionally and to protect participants' work by guarding against plagiarism and misattribution.

Working group slots at the conference are limited. Groups interested in a slot at the RUME conference are invited to submit a proposal as outlined below.

Conference Submission Requirements

Group Proposal: Submit an application for a RUME working group by completing the [2027 Working Group Proposal form](#) by **11:59 PM PT US on Friday, September 11, 2026**. Authors will be notified of the status of their proposal by Friday, September 25th, 2026.

For questions, queries, and other correspondence, please reach out to the conference chairperson, Adi Adiredja at doktor.adiredja@gmail.com. Submissions will not be reviewed until after the submission deadline.

Reviewing Guidelines

All complete proposals received by the deadline will receive full consideration. The review process will proceed as follows:

1. Each proposal will receive an initial review to confirm that it is appropriate for the working group venue, aligns with the goals of a RUME working group, and is pertinent to the RUME conference.
2. Proposals will be grouped, reviewed, and ranked within two categories using the following criteria:
 - ◆ *Proposals for New Working Groups* will be evaluated and ranked based on: a) the clarity and plausibility of the plans in relation to the working group goals, and b) the interest and support expressed by the RUME community.
 - ◆ *Proposals for Returning Working Groups* will be evaluated and ranked based on the criteria for new working groups and the following additional criteria:
 - tangible outcomes of the group's research work,
 - ongoing networking, mentoring, and collaboration opportunities,
 - persistence or expansion of involvement and membership.

Based on available space and community interest, the top proposals from these two categories will be hosted at the upcoming RUME conference.