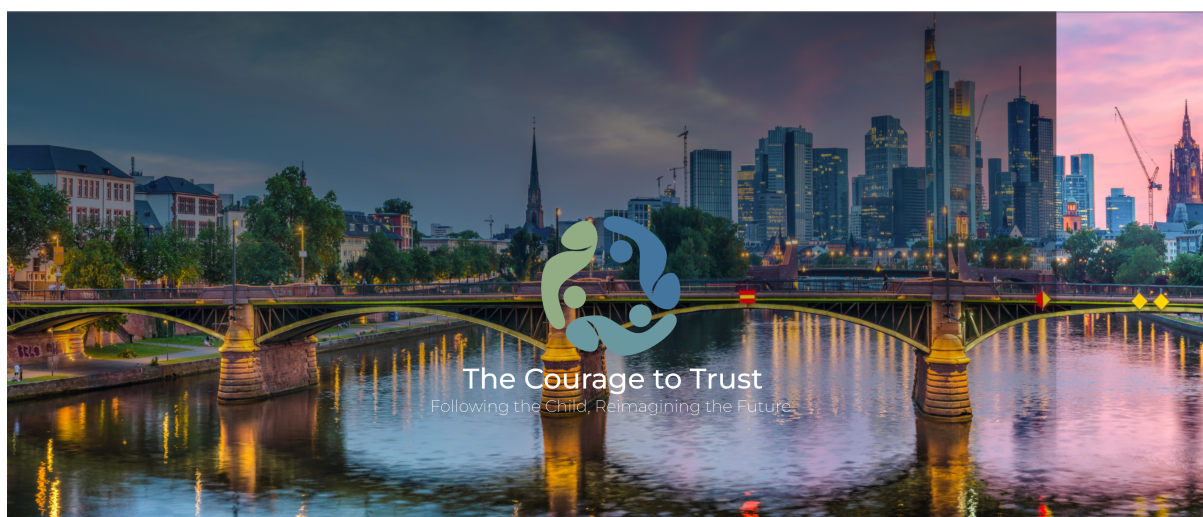




Montessori Europe Congress 2027 - Research Engagement Submission Guide

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the **Research Forum at the Montessori Europe Congress 2027**.

This guide provides the information you will need to prepare and submit your research proposal. Further information about the Research Forum, Congress theme and wider Call for Engagement can be found on the Congress website.

1. Submission Formats

Research proposals may be submitted in one of two formats.

1. Individual Research Paper

Individual papers may present:

- completed research
- research in progress
- practitioner or action research
- theoretical or conceptual inquiry
- systematic or evidence-based reviews.

Accepted papers will be grouped with complementary submissions to create **90-minute themed Research Forum sessions**.

Each researcher will normally be allocated approximately **20 minutes to present**, with additional time within the session for questions and discussion.

Abstract

Submit an abstract of up to **500 words, including references**.

The abstract should provide sufficient information for reviewers to understand:

- the purpose or focus of the research
- the research question or area of inquiry
- the methodology or approach, where applicable

- key findings or emerging findings
- the significance of the work
- its relevance to Montessori education or other child-centred educational contexts

Work in progress is welcome. Where final findings are not yet available, please indicate the current stage of the research and the questions or emerging insights you intend to share.

2. Research Symposium

A Research Symposium brings together several researchers to explore a shared theme from complementary perspectives.

Symposia are particularly appropriate where a topic benefits from different methodologies, contexts, disciplines or viewpoints.

Accepted symposia will be allocated a **90-minute session**, including time for audience questions and discussion.

Symposium Proposal

Submit a combined proposal of up to **1,000 words, including references**, containing:

- the symposium title
- a brief introduction explaining the overarching theme and purpose
- individual abstracts for each contributing presentation
- the names and institutional affiliations of all contributing researchers
- the name of the symposium chair or facilitator

A symposium would normally comprise **two to four related presentations**.

2. Research Focus

We welcome research relating to Montessori education and other relevant child-centred educational contexts.

Areas of inquiry may include, but are not limited to:

- Montessori pedagogy and child development
- observation and assessment
- teacher education and professional learning
- educational leadership and school development
- inclusion, diversity and belonging
- peace education and global citizenship
- sustainability and environmental education
- adolescent education
- technology and artificial intelligence in education
- wellbeing
- family and community engagement
- educational policy
- innovation in Montessori practice
- comparative education
- interdisciplinary educational research

The list is intentionally broad. We also welcome research that introduces new questions or perspectives relevant to the Congress theme: **The Courage to Continue: Following the Child, Reimagining the Future.**

3. Information Required for Submission

Applications will be submitted through the **Research Engagement submission form**.

You will be asked to provide:

Research Proposal

- Title of paper or symposium
- Submission format
- Abstract
- Three to five keywords
- Primary area of research
- Current status of the research: completed or work in progress

Researcher Information

For each contributing researcher:

- First and last name
- Institutional or organisational affiliation
- Country
- Academic or professional role, where applicable
- Email address

For symposia, the details of all contributing researchers and the symposium chair must be included.

4. Preparing Your Abstract for Peer Review

Research submissions will undergo a **double-blind peer review process**.

To preserve anonymity during review, please **do not include your name, institution or other identifying information within the abstract itself**.

Where referring to your own previous work, please phrase the reference in a way that does not reveal your identity during the review process.

Author and institutional information will be collected separately through the submission form.

5. Review and Selection

Research proposals will be reviewed by members of the **Montessori Europe Research Committee**.

Submissions will be considered according to:

- academic quality and rigour
- clarity of purpose and argument
- appropriateness of the methodology or scholarly approach

- originality and contribution to knowledge
- relevance to Montessori education or related child-centred pedagogies
- connection with the Congress theme, where appropriate
- potential to stimulate meaningful dialogue between research and educational practice

In developing the final Research Forum programme, the Committee will also consider the overall balance and coherence of the programme.

The decision of the Research Committee will be final.

6. If Your Proposal is Accepted

Successful researchers will be asked to confirm their participation by the stated deadline.

Following confirmation, presenters will receive further information regarding:

- presentation scheduling
- presentation format and timing
- audiovisual facilities
- Congress registration arrangements
- presenter information required for the website and programme
- any materials required before the Congress

Please do not submit presentation slides or other supporting materials with your initial proposal.

7. Key Dates

Research Engagement Opens	04 September 2026
Submission Deadline	30 September 2026
Notification of Outcome	26 October 2026
Presenter Confirmation Deadline	02 November 2026
Congress Programme Published	15 November 2026

Late submissions may not be considered.

8. Submit Your Proposal

Please ensure that you have read this Submission Guide and prepared all required information before beginning the online form. Submit your proposal to congress@montessori-europe.net.

Questions?

For academic questions relating to research submissions, please contact: congress@montessori-europe.net.
