

**Women in Measurement ResearchHER Program: \$10,000 Research Award
2026 Call for Proposals**

Women in Measurement, in collaboration with the Center for Assessment, the National Board of Medical Examiners, Pearson, and edCount, LLC, is thrilled to announce our sixth annual ResearchHER Awards. We invite research proposals that deepen our understanding of race and gender equity within the professional field of measurement. Due to the generous support of our program sponsors, we are able to offer \$10,000 of support for exceptional, peer-reviewed journal-quality, women-led research projects implemented within a 2-year time frame.

Mentorship and Community

Women in Measurement ResearchHERs join a vibrant community of scholars supported by experienced mentors, Drs. Serena Miller and Bharati Belwalkar. The selected cohort of ResearchHERs will meet regularly to connect, share progress, and receive feedback and guidance at various stages of the research projects.

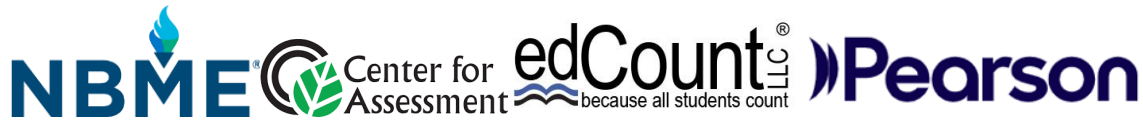
Research Topics of Interest

We welcome a diverse range of research ideas that will support the mission of Women in Measurement. Topics may include, but are not at all limited to, the examples shown below:

- **Women’s Leadership:** Discovery or development of educational or organizational policies that support women’s success, thriving, and belonging in leadership roles.
- **Corporate DEI Policies:** Interviewing human resource experts to develop recommendations for policies that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field.
- **Data Science and AI:** Use of responsible data science and AI to advance equity and DEI in measurement fields.
- **Inclusive Practices:** Surveying the Women in Measurement community to document experiences and propose norms that foster safe and inclusive meetings and events, both virtual and in-person.
- **Mentoring Programs:** Reviewing the literature to identify effective mentoring practices for promoting gender and racial equity.
- **Lived Experiences:** Conducting a qualitative study on the lived experiences of underrepresented groups within educational measurement.

Award Highlights

- Up to two ResearchHERs will be selected for \$10,000 awards each.



- The funding can support research expenses, including attending a conference to share findings. At least one conference presentation submission (to any conference of choice) is required as part of the program.
- No budget submission is required; recipients have full discretion over the use of funds. The funding can support research expenses, including attending a conference to share findings. WIM reserves the right to inquire about use of research funds at any time during the program.

Proposal Requirements

Your proposal should contain the following information:

1. Project title
2. Brief researcher biography including country of residence (200-word limit)
3. Project abstract (300-word limit)
4. Project description (1200-word limit) that includes:
 - a. Relevance of project to the mission of Women in Measurement
 - b. Research questions
 - c. Methodology and data sources
 - d. Implications for the field
 - e. Please see below for a tentative project timeline that includes the typical milestones in the program.
 - i. July 31st, 2026: Award notification from Women in Measurement
 - ii. October 31st, 2026: Institutional Review Board approval (if needed).
 - iii. August 1st, 2027: Full research report draft submitted to Women in Measurement for peer review. All reviews and requests for revisions (if any) will be provided by September 15th, 2027.
 - iv. December 15th, 2027: Final research report with revisions submitted to Women in Measurement for copy editing, design, and publishing.

Please send your proposal and curriculum vitae or resume to ResearchHER@womeninmeasurement.org by 11:59pm PST on **June 30th, 2026**. Women from marginalized communities are especially encouraged to apply.