



Call for Contributions

From Attraction to Retention: Global Approaches to Teacher Education 9 – 11 March 2026

Teacher education faces numerous challenges worldwide: How can we attract dedicated individuals to the teaching profession—and how can we ensure they remain? This international conference brings together researchers, teacher educators, student teachers and educational practitioners to discuss and share research findings and innovative strategies on attracting, preparing, and retaining teachers in diverse educational contexts.

Building on our existing network of international collaborations, we warmly invite colleagues from our partner universities to contribute to this event. Together, we aim to reflect on common challenges, exchange successful practices, and explore collaborative opportunities for the future.

Conference Themes (examples include, but are not limited to)

- Strategies for recruitment and selection in teacher education
- Motivations and career aspirations of prospective teachers
- Innovative models of initial teacher education
- Supporting early-career teachers through mentoring and induction
- Policy approaches to retention and professional well-being
- International mobility and its impact on teacher preparation and retention
- Explaining teacher retention: Understanding dropout intentions during teacher training and in the profession
- Inclusive and equity-driven approaches in teacher education
- STE(A)M education in teacher education

Formats

- **Presentations** (15–20 minutes + discussion): Share empirical research, conceptual frameworks, or case studies.
- **Workshops or Alternative formats** (60–90 minutes): Facilitate interactive sessions, practical exercises, or collaborative formats that actively engage participants.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit an abstract of **400–600 words** (excluding references) outlining the following:

- Title of your contribution
- Authors and institutional affiliations
- Chosen format (presentations, workshop, or alternative format; if you selected the "alternative format" presentation type, please describe and briefly justify your alternative format)
- Theoretical background and research questions (or aim of your contribution)
- Methods (if applicable)
- Key findings or expected outcomes
- Discussion (or potential for participant engagement)
- Special facilities or special equipment (if needed)

Abstracts should be submitted by **30 November 2025** to ticonf2026@uni-greifswald.de

We look forward to your contributions and to fruitful conversations on global perspectives in teacher education.

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