

Call for Participation

Practice Research in Higher Professional Education Symposium 2026

Theme: Thinking about Value and Impact of Practice Research in Higher Education

The organising committee cordially invites contributions to the Practice Research in Higher Professional Education Symposium 2026. This symposium aims to provide a platform for researchers, lecturers, practitioners, and policy makers to critically engage with the development, value, and impact of practice-based research within higher professional education.

Practice research has become a defining characteristic of universities of applied sciences in the Netherlands, where research is increasingly embedded in educational practice, professional contexts, and societal challenges. At the same time, fundamental questions remain concerning the epistemological foundations of practice-based research, its operationalisation in research design, and its implications for curriculum development and educational innovation. This symposium seeks to foster dialogue at the intersection of epistemology, research practice, and educational design, and to contribute to the ongoing development of a shared understanding of practice research.

Contributions are invited in the form of poster presentations*, round table sessions**, or interactive lectures. Poster presentations should be submitted as a PDF in A3 or A0 format. Proposals for round tables of forty minutes or interactive lectures should be submitted as a PDF document (A4), including a title, an abstract, and a description of the proposed format or approach. All submissions will be reviewed with regard to their relevance to the symposium theme, their conceptual grounding, and their contribution to advancing practice research in higher professional education.

The deadline for submission of all materials is 5 May 2026 at 17:00 (CET) addressed to a.jaganjac@fontys.nl

The symposium will take place on 20 May 2026 from 10:00 to 14:00 at Fontys University of Applied Sciences. The programme will consist of an opening address, a panel discussion with invited researchers, poster sessions, thematic round tables, and a closing reflection. The symposium is intended to contribute to conceptual clarity on practice research epistemologies, to provide insight into the operationalisation of practice research, and to strengthen collaboration between research, education, and professional practice.

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We look forward to receiving your contributions

Attachments:

*Example poster presentations and templates:

https://www.posterpresentations.com/free-poster-templates.html?srsltid=AfmBOookmsVcIt11Rat_BNt_3g5Fhy_hl0lDONqaLSESAt28bimaLTk39

**Example videos for round tables:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FyWytAYdxg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNPNSrBfqkw>