

# SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Dear Colleagues,

The Queen's University Belfast and the EARLI are proud to announce the 22nd Biennial Conference for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI 2027), which will be hosted at the Queen's University Belfast from August 23rd until August 27th 2027. The theme of the conference "**Learning and Instruction for Dialogue Across Divides**" will allow us to reflect on the way in which research into Learning and Instruction can help us to develop understanding of dialogic and constructive approaches in a world which is increasingly characterised by division and extremes.

In these times, the value of rigorous empirical research is more important than ever. We are developing an ever more rigorous body of knowledge about how learners of all age groups learn, in what contexts and under what circumstances. It is this shared body of knowledge grounded in evidence that provides a basis for dialogue in the educational research community, as we move towards our shared goal of better and more equitable educational outcomes.

The conference theme is also linked to the history of Belfast and Northern Ireland, and the pioneering work of Queen's University Belfast on conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Queen's has played a key role in helping to develop a more harmonious and peaceful society following the period of 'The Troubles', and is still heavily involved in addressing the divisions in society that remain following the end of the armed conflict in 1998.

The 22nd Biennial EARLI Conference (23 – 27 August 2027) and the accompanying 31st annual JURE 2027 pre-conference (21 – 22 August 2027) are inviting researchers in learning and instruction from all over the world to come together to discuss current theory and research evidence. All information about the upcoming EARLI 2027 conference can be found on the conference website at EARLI.org/events/EARLI2027!

As we prepare for the submission process, we would like to let you know that the schedule has slightly shifted due to the release of our new conference and member platform. **EARLI is upgrading its platform.** The submission process for both the EARLI 2027 and JURE 2027 conferences will take place through our new platform.

Submissions will open on the 26th of October and close on the 26th of November 26th. More information about the exact opening and closing dates will be available once the new platform launches.

**What does this mean for you as a member?**
The submission system for the EARLI and JURE 2027 will go through the new platform: my.earli.org. Previous information and membership is not transferred to the new platform and you'll need to create a new account. Below, you will find information about the accepted submission formats for the conference, along with their requirements.

If you have any questions about the submission formats or the submission process, please contact us at earli2027@earli.org

We appreciate your patience while we complete this transition and look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to Belfast next August.

Best Wishes,

**Prof. Dr. Daniel Mujis**
Conference President



**Prof. Dr. Armin Weinberger**
EARLI President



# Welcome to Belfast!

Belfast, the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland, is a dynamic and unforgettable city where history, creativity, and energy come together. Set along the River Lagan and framed by rolling hills, Belfast has transformed from a powerful industrial and maritime centre into one of the UK and Ireland's most exciting urban destinations. Famous as the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, the city celebrates its heritage through striking landmarks, atmospheric streets, and world-class attractions. Its lively neighborhoods are filled with music, street art, independent cafés, bustling markets, galleries, and welcoming pubs, giving Belfast a character that is both authentic and full of life. With respected universities, a flourishing cultural scene, and stunning landscapes just beyond the city, Belfast offers a thrilling blend of tradition, resilience, and modern spirit, making it a destination that surprises, inspires, and captivates visitors.

The EARLI 2027 organisers are working hard to provide delegates with a variety of social events, allowing you to get a taste of the best the city has to offer. Save the date for the Opening Reception, which will take place on Monday 23rd of August, where you can meet up with your international colleagues whilst enjoying the local setting. Preparations are also underway for the EARLI 2027 conference dinner, the unmissable social event of the conference week! More details will be provided as they become available.

Be sure to follow us on our social media channels to stay up-to-date on the latest developments about the submission process, the scientific programme and practical information on planning your trip to Belfast. Share your excitement by using #EARLI2027 to join the conversation about the conference! Regular updates will also be shared via email.

**Please note that the EARLI 2027 conference will start on a Monday (23rd of August) and run until Friday evening (27th of August)**. We encourage all prospective participants to take into account that conference sessions can be planned until the end of the closing day.

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

## KEYNOTES

The International Programme Committee has selected a total of 9 interesting keynote speakers, based on the input of the local conference organisers, the winner of the Outstanding Publication Award 2025 and the suggestions offered by the EARLI Special Interest Groups (SIG). Their names as well as the title of their talk will be announced shortly across all communication channels.

## SUBMISSION FORMATS

Both empirical and theoretical proposals for symposia, papers, and poster presentations are welcomed as are roundtables. In an update to previous EARLI conferences, ICT demonstrations and workshops will be replaced by a more inclusive submission format, the Demo Session, facilitating demonstrations of approaches or tools specifically developed for education or research purposes.

Before submitting your proposal, make sure to read the submission guidelines, which will be made available in due time on the conference website: EARLI.org/events/EARLI2027. If you have any questions about the submission formats or the submission process, please contact us at earli2027@earli.org

According to the EARLI policies, you may act as a presenting author for up to two contributions. In addition, you can act once as the chair of a symposium and once as discussant, for a total of four appearances. You may participate as a non-presenting co-author as many times as you like.

We also warmly encourage you to volunteer to act as a chair for a conference session (not including symposia). You can sign up to act as a chair through the submission form. If you are a presenting author, you will automatically be assigned one chairing duty for a conference session. Your chairing duty will be scheduled so that it does not conflict with your own presentation. Non-presenting authors are also warmly encouraged to volunteer as a chair for a conference session (excluding symposia).

PLEASE NOTE: The conference programme will avoid timetable conflicts for presenting authors, chairs ,discussants, and organisers, but not for co-authors**!**

Perhaps most importantly, make sure to select the appropriate format for your presentation. Selecting an inappropriate format may significantly reduce the chances of acceptance of your proposal**!** Each of the formats outlined below are equally valuable but serve different purposes.

The submission system will open on the **26th of October 2026** and conclude on **the 26th of November 2026 at midnight CET.**

## NEW IN 2027

To prevent reviewer crisis and review overload any researcher submitting a proposal to the EARLI conference is automatically listed as a potential reviewer for the conference. Reviewer duty is mandatory, but you can reach out to a colleague to delegate all or some of your reviews to them. Just jointly reach out to the conference manager Alice Cojocaru (alice.cojocaru@earli.org) and indicate "EARLI 2027 review delegation" in your email.

# SYMPOSIUM



**Symposia** provide an opportunity to present research on one topic, often from multiple perspectives, compiling a coherent set of papers for discussion. Symposia sessions are directed by a chair, involving four presenters and one discussant, from at least two different countries. We recommend that each individual submission is checked for its own quality and its relevance and coherence to the topic of the symposium prior to formal submission to EARLI 2027.

For EARLI 2027, symposia will continue to be evaluated and accepted as a whole, rather than by splitting the symposium into individual papers and considering these separately. This means that the assessment of a symposium will be holistic. If a symposium does not reach the symposium acceptance threshold, its individual papers will **not subsequently be considered or accepted as standalone papers for EARLI 2027.**

To reflect the collaborative nature of the symposium format, the acceptance threshold for symposia will be lower than the threshold for individual papers. In doing so, EARLI acknowledges that the value of a symposium lies not only in the strength of its individual contributions, but also in the coherence, complementarity, and collective contribution that emerge from bringing these researchers and perspectives together.

A symposium is scheduled for 90 minutes, allowing 15 minutes presentation time per speaker, 10 minutes for the discussant, and 20 minutes for open discussion.

# SINGLE PAPER



**Paper sessions** consist of four thematically clustered paper presentations, followed by a discussion with the audience. It is important that empirical papers have data and results or they will not be accepted. Theoretical papers, which provide background research, specific evidence, analytical thinking and/or recommendations on specific themes and topics, are also welcome.

Paper sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Four presenters are given 15 minutes presentation time followed by 5 minutes for questions. At the end of all presentations there is a 10-minute open discussion.

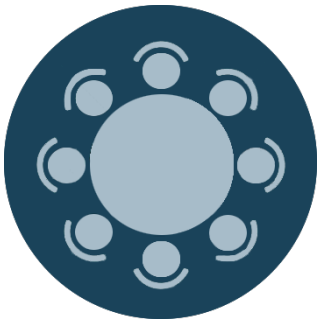
# POSTER PRESENTATION



**Interactive poster sessions** involve a number of posters, visually presenting research studies. A short presentation of about 5 minutes for each poster is given to an audience gathered as a group. After the authors' brief presentations, an in-depth discussion between them and the audience follows, in an exhibition format. The poster session offers researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and allows for more opportunities for interaction and discussion.

Poster sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes, following the format above. Materials for fixing posters on the walls or poster boards will be provided.

# ROUNDTABLE



**Roundtable sessions** offer opportunities for a more discursive exploration of research issues. This may well involve discussion of work in progress. The presenters elaborate on their emerging data and theory, and invite the participants to contribute to a discussion on potential challenges. Three to five presenters will explain and discuss their research one after another.

Roundtable sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes and consist of 3 to 5 thematically clustered roundtables. Each presenter provides a 5-minute presentation, followed by time for questions, equally divided among the number of roundtables per session.



# DEMO SESSIONS

**Demo sessions** allow presenters to display, explain, and familiarise participants with approaches or tools specifically developed for education or research purposes. The presentation may include references to completed research, but the point of the session is to demonstrate a tool or approach, not to present the research for criticism. The audience may offer their viewpoints and share their experiences with similar tools or practices.

Demo sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes and will consist of 3 thematically clustered demo session submissions. Each presenter will be offered 30 minutes for their demonstration.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES EARLI

## 1. Paper, Poster, Roundtable, Demo submissions

- **Abstract:** max 400 words
- **References:** max 500 words
- **Extended summary:** max 1000 words
- **Keywords:** 4
- Each user can submit up to 4 times.
- Each user can be the presenting author a maximum of 2 times.

## 2. Symposium submissions

- **Abstract:** max 400 words
- **References:** max 500 words
- **Extended summary:** max 1000 words
- **Keywords:** 4
- Participants in a symposium must come from at least **2 different countries** and **3 different universities**.

### How to Make a Symposium Submission

**Step 1: Submit the overarching symposium abstract**

Start by completing the overarching symposium abstract, which should describe the overall focus, rationale and contribution of the symposium.

For this entry, add:

- the presenting author (for the overarching abstract only)
- any co-author(s) (for the overarching abstract only)
- the chair (of the symposium)
- the organizer (of the symposium)
- the discussant (of the symposium)

Once you have completed these details, click Save and Continue.

### Step 2: Add the four symposium papers

After saving the overarching abstract, you will be taken to the next step, wher e you can add the four individual symposium papers.

For each paper, enter:

- the presenting author
- the co-author(s)

### Submission requirements

Each of the five entries (the overarching abstract and each of the four papers) requires:

- Abstract: maximum 400 words
- References: maximum 500 words
- Extended summary: maximum 1,000 words
- Keywords: 4

Before submitting, please ensure that your overarching symposium includes participants from at least 2 different countries and 3 different universities.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES JURE

## 3. Paper, Poster, Roundtable submissions

- **Abstract:** max 400 words
- **References:** max 500 words
- **Extended summary:** max 1000 words
- **Keywords:** 4
- Each user can submit up to 4 times.
- Each user can be the presenting author a maximum of 2 times.

# IMPORTANT DATES




**22nd Biennial EARLI Conference**
**August 23rd – August 27th 2027**
**Belfast, Northern Ireland**

# REVIEW

EARLI conferences are well-known for the high-quality research presented during its numerous events. As such, experienced reviewers are needed to safeguard this quality. If you would like to contribute to the scientific quality of the EARLI and JURE 2027 conferences and have a good understanding of EARLI and the research presented at EARLI conferences, we encourage you to sign up as a reviewer via your EARLI account ("my reviews").

## New in 2027!

- ### Submitter = Reviewer

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- ### Expertise matters

Each submission will be attributed at least one regular or longstanding reviewer (more than 4 years since obtaining their PhD).

Moreover, at least one of the two reviewers will be a member, or have self-declared interest in the SIG tagged in the submission.
During the review process, reviewers also must indicate their expertise with the submission evaluated.

- ### Making an "Amendment"

Once your review is submitted you will have the possibility to amend it. Either because you changed your mind, or because you have seen the second review and would like to align your own with it.

Note that only one amendment is possible and it will replace the original review.

- ### Discrepancies & Meta-reviewers

The EARLI Board of Directors have assembled a pool of experts to assess discrepancies. The Meta-reviewers have access to the full reviews, including the indication of expertise.
The final grade is solely computed from that of the meta-reviewer, building on the existing reviews and integrating their own expertise on the topic. Authors will have access to all three reviews.

To ensure a reasonable workload, meta-reviewers are not assigned reviews in the original distribution.

# CHAIRING

For each session at EARLI 2027 and JURE 2027, chairs are asked to do two key things. Firstly, the chair acts as the **Master of Ceremonies** for the session, ensuring that everyone keeps to the allotted presentation time and that the session runs smoothly. Secondly, the chair is an **enabler of interaction and discussion between presenters and audience**, one of the most important aspects of a research conference.

Interested in chairing a session at EARLI 2027 or JURE 2027? You can sign up when submitting your proposal, or directly through your EARLI account. If you are a presenting author, you will automatically be assigned one chairing duty for a conference session. Your chairing duty will be scheduled so that it does not conflict with your own presentation. Non-presenting authors are also warmly encouraged to volunteer as a chair for a conference session (excluding symposia).  or later on when registering.

# JURE 2027

The 22nd Biennial EARLI is preceded by a Pre-Conference, JURE 2027 on 21- 22 August 2027, specifically aimed at junior and early career researchers. Together with their fellows, junior researchers will exchange ideas and experiences to develop new and exciting views on how to enable successful learning and instruction in different contexts.

We are happy to invite all junior researchers to present their research at the 31st Conference of the Junior Researchers of EARLI. We would like to encourage you to submit your research to the JURE conference in order to:

- Share your research with other researchers
- Discuss your work and receive useful feedback from international experts in the field of learning and instruction
- Become a part of an engaging network of early career researchers

At JURE 2027 we welcome the following submission types:

## PAPER SESSION



**Paper sessions** involve 3 conceptually linked papers which are presented and discussed.

Paper sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Three presenters are given 20 minutes presentation time followed by 5 minutes for questions. At the end of all presentations there is a 15-minute open discussion.

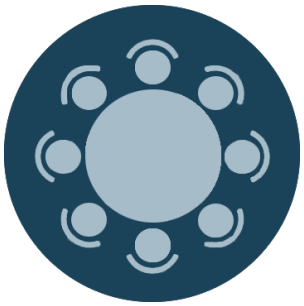
## POSTER SESSION



**Interactive poster sessions** offer researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and offer more opportunities for interaction and discussion.

Poster sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Each poster is introduced with a brief oral presentation (max. 3 minutes), after which there will be time to freely walk from poster to poster. Materials for fixing posters on the walls or poster boards will be provided.

# ROUNDTABLE SESSION



**Roundtable sessions** offer the opportunity to discuss outcomes as well as the design of research projects or research in progress. Each round table session will consist of up to 3 conceptually linked projects.

Roundtables are scheduled for 90 minutes. Each presenter has five minutes to introduce his/her project and raise one or two open questions. Twenty-five minutes are intended for discussion.

# TRAVEL AWARD

The EARLI Board of Directors would like to continue its support of researchers working in low-GDP countries. As such, additional funds are made available to facilitate participation from presenters working in these countries. On top of a waived conference fee for the EARLI and/or JURE 2027 conference, the EARLI Board of Directors will provide awardees with funds to cover travel and/or accommodation expenses (up to € 1000 per award winner).

In order to qualify for the grant, the applicant must:

- Have an **EARLI membership** for 2027
- Have an accepted proposal for EARLI 2027
- Reside in a low-GDP country

Preference will be given to accepted presentations with the highest review scores.

More information on how to apply for this grant will be provided after the review process, in February 2027.

We hope and believe that this funding will be helpful to sustain and further expand our research community. If you are working in a low-GDP country, we therefore warmly welcome you to submit your proposal!