



EARLI EMERGING FIELD GROUPS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2026

The Emerging Field Group initiative is intended to support researchers active in innovative and exciting fields. An Emerging Field Group (EFG) consists of a group of internationally active researchers working in the field of Learning and Instruction and specifically within a new, emerging field of research. EARLI offers these researchers the opportunity to work together during a short but intense period of time to explore the possibilities in their shared field of interest.

EFGs are intended for exploratory, innovative and risk-taking approaches. Being part of an Emerging Field Group allows for its participants to focus on innovative and new fields of research, with an emphasis on exploration and process rather than output and product.

Please be advised that acting members of the EARLI Board of Directors, as well as editors-in-chief of the EARLI journals are excluded from applying for or taking part in a new Emerging Field Group. Similarly, members of an existing EFG are also excluded from the application process.

Further details can be found in the EFG Policy Paper at [EARLI.org/EFG](https://earli.org/EFG).

TIMELINE



APPLICATION

Following this open call, EARLI welcomes all applications that demonstrate a clear link to the EFG eligibility and evaluation criteria described in the EFG Policy.

We also ask that, besides a filled-out application form, each EFG supplies a **short video supporting the application**. This video should address how the EFG aims to promote innovative research through new methodologies, risk-taking approaches, new theoretical concepts, multidisciplinary efforts, etc. Therefore, the video (max. 3 minutes) should not be a direct copy of the written application. Rather, it is an opportunity for applicants to stress the main aims and scope of their EFG proposal.

EVALUATION

Each eligible application will be evaluated by an international review committee. They will assess each application according to the following criteria, with the scope and activities as defining factors:

- The EFG meets the eligibility criteria as described in the EFG Policy.
- The EFG scope is exploratory, innovative and risk-taking.
- The EFG shows evidence of multidisciplinary research that aims to understand and support various learning trajectories and potentials.
- The EFG activities are clearly outlined and purposeful.
- The proposed budget represents value for money, by clearly explaining and justifying expenses.
- The EFG undertakes efforts to disseminate its findings and contributes to the progress of scientific research in the field of Learning and Instruction.

Please complete the provided application form and forward it together with the necessary attachments to info@earli.org by 1 November 2026 (midnight CET).

