



## EARLI 2025 - ERIK DE CORTE AWARD

The Erik De Corte Award is presented at each biennial EARLI Conference to recognise an early career researcher who demonstrates exceptional promise in the field of Learning and Instruction.

### 1. Call for Nominations

All members of EARLI are invited to nominate early career and promising scholars that fulfil the eligibility criteria described below.

Nominations must be received by the **30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025** (Midnight CEST) by sending a completed nomination form (incl. attachments) to [info@earli.org](mailto:info@earli.org).

### 2. Eligibility

Members nominating a particular candidate should ensure that the candidate meets the following criteria.

At the time of nomination, the Erik De Corte Award nominee:

- Is a current member of EARLI, and has been for at least 2 years within the last 10 years (since 2015). These membership years do not need to have been consecutive.
- Has obtained their PhD in the field of Learning and Instruction within the last 7 years, relative to the opening day of the EARLI 2025 Conference (25 August 2025);
- Has published at least five articles in a peer reviewed journal in the field of Learning and Instruction as a first author by the 31st of December 2024 (as per the official online publication date);
- Can demonstrate active participation in and contribution to at least two research projects in the field of Learning and Instruction.
- Members of the EARLI Board of Directors are not eligible for the Erik De Corte Award during their mandate.



In alignment with EARLI's commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity, we kindly ask you to consider the following guidelines if you have experienced substantial career breaks:

- **Parental leave:** An 18-month extension will be granted for each child born before or after obtaining a PhD. If a longer parental leave can be documented, the eligibility period will be extended by the exact duration of the leave taken, up until the call deadline.
- **Caring Duties:** Any other documented caregiving responsibilities (for a child, partner, parents, etc.) occurring before or after the PhD period can be considered for an extension.
- **Long-term illness or National Service:** The eligibility period will be extended by the documented length of leave taken for each incident of long-term illness or national service after obtaining a PhD, up until the call deadline.
- **Clinical Training:** An extension of up to 4 years will be granted based on the documented duration of clinical training received after obtaining the first eligible degree, up until the call deadline.

**Please be mindful that the EARLI Board of Directors encourages a focus on ensuring that female and non-binary researchers are well represented in the nominations for the Erik De Corte Award.**

### **3. Nomination Procedure**

When submitting a nomination for the Erik De Corte Award, the following documents must be included:

- The completed nomination form, which should contain:
  - Proponent's contact information;
  - A brief statement (max. 100 words) explaining why the nominee is an outstanding early career researcher deserving of this award;
  - Details about the nominee's PhD (institution, title, year);
  - Nominee's contact information;
- A statement of consent from the nominee, confirming they have been informed of and agree to the nomination;
- The nominee's comprehensive CV;
- A list of the nominee's three best publications, accompanied by a brief explanation of why these works are considered the most significant. Eligible publications must have been officially published before December 31st, 2024, and must not include work produced as part of the nominee's PhD research;
- A list of the nominee's involvement in research projects, including their role in each project;
- The nominee's PhD thesis in electronic format;
- Electronic copies of the three selected publications.



#### **4. Scientific Committee**

The EARLI President serves as the ex-officio Chair of the Erik De Corte Award Scientific Committee and acts as a non-voting member. The winner will be selected by a committee consisting of three EARLI Past Presidents and two past or current Editors-in-Chief of EARLI journals. The selection will be based on a qualitative review of the applications, following the criteria and procedures outlined below.

#### **5. Award Criteria**

The Scientific Committee will evaluate the submitted materials and make its decision based on the following criteria:

- a)** Innovative value of the three submitted publications [60%];
- b)** Significant participation and contributions to research projects in the field of Learning and Instruction [20%];
- c)** Quality and innovative value of the PhD research [10%];
- d)** Overall contribution to the field of Learning and Instruction [10%].

#### **6. Review Process**

The review process consists of two phases:

- **Phase 1:** Each nominated candidate is independently rated by two members of the Scientific Committee. The mean ratings are calculated, and the three highest-scoring candidates advance to the second phase.
- **Phase 2:** The remaining candidates are evaluated by three different independent committee members (i.e., those who rated a candidate in the first phase will not rate the same candidate in the second phase).

The top three nominees are shortlisted for the Erik De Corte Award and will be notified by the EARLI office.



## **7. Winner of the Erik De Corte Award**

The winner of the Erik De Corte Award will be the candidate with the highest average evaluation from the three independent members of the Scientific Committee. All shortlisted nominees will be invited to the EARLI 2025 Award Ceremony at the EARLI 2025 Conference, where the winner will be announced.

The award recipient will receive both a commemorative award and a research grant of € 1.200. The nominees who place second and third will be recognised as having received "a nomination for the Erik De Corte Award," without any reference to their ranking.

