



## EARLI - Centre for Excellence in Research (E-CER)

### Policy

In order to foster existing and forge new research contacts, the Executive Committee (EC) of EARLI launched an initiative called "EARLI - Centre for Excellence Research (E-CER)", which aimed at further stimulating excellence research among EARLI members and preparing research proposals for funding.

Supporting researchers remains a key priority for the EARLI Executive Committee. Since the E-CER was launched in 2013, new research funding initiatives have been developed. The newly-developed Emerging Field Group initiative which was launched last year aims to support, much like E-CER, excellence research in the field of learning and instruction. Keeping the needs of the EARLI community in mind and offering diversity in the EARLI initiatives, the EC has decided to slightly re-focus the E-CER initiative.

From 2019 onwards, **E-CER, Center for Excellence Research will change to E-CER, EARLI Center for Excellence in Research**, to emphasise excellence and scientific rigour in the field of learning and instruction.

### **A. The following requirements must be met when proposing an E-CER**

1. One or two professors of research centres in research universities can propose to start an E-CER. The professors of these academic research centres have been EARLI members for at least 4 years.
2. The participating research centres are at least from 3 different countries.
3. The goal of the E-CER is to perform joint research on one specific theme. The theme should be shortly introduced - research viability should strongly be illustrated and evidence of valorisation (impact on practice) should be provided.



## B. Funding

(1) EARLI provides the elected E-CER with an annual funding consisting of a maximum budget of €2500 per year (€1250/meeting), which can be used to cover:

- Provision of meeting facilities at the EARLI office in Leuven or elsewhere (maximum capacity of 10 persons);
- Provision of lunches & drinks during the meetings;
- Payment of hotel costs for up to 10 participants for a 2-day meeting, twice per year for a period of 4 years.
- Participants should cover the costs for their own travelling and for dinners.
- Meetings should not exceed 10 participants.
- Participants to the E-CER meetings can be research professors (including associate and assistant professors and PhD students or post-docs or an occasionally invited scholar / expert with valuable info).

(2) The group of applicants that receives the grant is granted also to carry the title of "EARLI Centre for Excellence Research" for the upcoming four years.

## C. Required products

This requires but is not limited to the following:

- Submitting symposia to two consecutive EARLI Biennial conferences.
- Submit at least two collaborative publications in one of the official EARLI journals.
- Joint Publications that acknowledge financial support from EARLI as an E-CER.
- At least one jointly submitted Research Proposal to established funding agencies, which will include EARLI as a partner with the responsibility to offer networking opportunities, general scientific contribution or preferably activities related to the dissemination of results.
- Annual reports (Published on the EARLI website)

## D. Format for the proposal



- Names, affiliations and short CV (200 words) of 1 or 2 professors of research centres.
- List of publications of these professors.
- Description of the specific excellence theme of the proposed E-CER (max. 400 words).
- Illustration of research viability (max. 200 words)
- Evidence of valorisation of the research theme/domain (impact on practice) (max. 300 words)

#### **E. Criteria for selection are primarily**

- The excellence character of the theme and the research planned
- The viability and evidence of valorisation in practice of the research.