



## EECERA ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD 2020

EECERA is pleased to announce that applications for the 2020 EECERA Student Research Award are now being accepted.

The aims of the award are to:

- Encourage excellence and high standards of scholarship in student research
- Give status to the contribution of student researchers
- Give visibility to the integration of research in practice
- Disseminate the results of student research and practice
- Help students to improve the quality of their research work by example

### **Eligibility:**

The Student Research Award is open to postgraduate students with appropriate status from any recognised university whose research is aimed at developing early childhood policy or practice. The research is not restricted to any particular methodology and entries can be submitted by an individual or a student group. The student's research project should be nearing completion or have been written up within the past three years. The research must be presented at the conference and the award will be presented at the closing ceremony of the conference.

### **Entry Requirements:**

Entries must consist of a 250 word abstract (successfully submitted through the conference paper submission system by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020) and a 3,000 word account of the research project plus supporting statement from an academic referee e.g. your PhD supervisor, which confirms the action reported in the account.

Applications for the award must be submitted via the online form.

The deadline for submissions is 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and all entries will be scrutinised by the EECERA Awards Committee against a set of academic and scholarly criteria.

The entry exhibiting the highest standards of scholarship and research originality will be presented with the EECERA Student Research Award at the Closing Ceremony of EECERA 2019. In addition, the winner will receive:

- free EECERA membership for one year which includes hard copies of every issue of that year's Journal Volume plus full access to the entire online journal back catalogue
- free subscription to TWO Taylor and Francis journals of their choice for one year

**Criteria for Judging Award:**

In the submission the EECERA Annual Awards Committee will look for evidence of:

- the academic strength of the work and its level of scholarship
- the potential impact of the research on policy or practice
- the original and innovatory nature of the research and its applications
- its potential contribution to the field.