EMERGING RESEARCH IN EDUCATION (ERE)

FAQ for Authors

ERE is a peer-reviewed, Diamond Open Access journal of the Emerging Researchers' Group of the European Educational Research Association (EERA). This FAQ answers the most common questions about who can submit and how the process works. Full details are in the Author Guidelines: ere-journal.pub/about/submissions

1. Eligibility

Who can submit?

- Papers presented at the Emerging Researchers' Conference and ECER within the past three years are eligible, provided that the emerging researcher is both the first and the corresponding author.

Who counts as an emerging researcher?

A Master's or PhD student, or a post-MA or post-PhD researcher up to five years after completing the MA or PhD.

Can I submit work presented as a poster or an Ignite Talk?

No. Only papers that were actually presented are eligible. Posters, Ignite Talks, other non-paper formats and no-show contributions are not eligible.

Can my supervisor or other senior researchers be co-authors?

Yes, where their contribution justifies authorship. ERE prioritises the independence of emerging researchers. The submission should primarily be the emerging researcher's own work and the emerging researcher must be the first and the corresponding author.

How is eligibility checked?

On the cover page, authors state their status – [MA], [PhD], [post-MA] or [post-PhD] – and add a short statement confirming that this information is truthful. Authors also upload proof of presentation (see below).

What counts as proof of presentation?

A document confirming that the paper was presented, for example:

- the certificate of presentation, which you can download from ConfTool after the conference, or
- a screenshot of, and link to, your entry in the EERA conference programme (eera-ecer.de/ecer-programmes; scan the QR code below).

Must the article match the conference presentation?

No. It should build on the presented work and be developed into a full journal article. In the cover letter, briefly describe how the manuscript has developed since the conference, including how feedback was incorporated.

2. Scope and the European dimension

Which fields and approaches does ERE publish?

ERE welcomes work from all fields of educational research, including empirical, conceptual, historical and methodological studies, as long as it meets high standards of originality, rigour and clarity.

What does “a clear European dimension” mean?

All submissions must demonstrate a clear European dimension through:

- comparative perspectives across European countries, or
- relevance beyond a single national or local context.

ERE understands Europe not only as a geographical region but also as a historical, cultural, political and educational space shaped through diverse contexts, perspectives and transnational processes. A study can focus on one national or local setting if it offers insights that contribute to broader educational debates and is relevant to an international audience of educational researchers.

3. Manuscript, review and submission

Are there any fees?

No. ERE is Diamond Open Access: there are no submission or publication fees, and articles are free to read. Authors retain the copyright of their work.

What are the manuscript requirements?

- 8,000–10,000 words, including a title, a 150–300-word abstract and about five keywords
- APA style (latest edition) and clear academic English with British spelling
- Tables as editable tables; figures as SVG or original source files
- Word (.docx) or OpenDocument (.odt) format

Which files do I need to upload?

- The main manuscript, fully anonymised
- A cover letter on why the manuscript suits ERE and how it has developed since the conference with author details, your status and the truthfulness statement
- Proof of presentation
- Optional: supplementary materials such as datasets, appendices or an OSF link

How are manuscripts reviewed?

ERE uses rigorous double-blind peer review that is developmental rather than judgemental. Every author receives detailed written feedback, whatever the editorial outcome. The number of review rounds varies; development through review can take one to two years.

Can I submit to both the Best Paper Award and ERE?

No. Choose one route: a manuscript cannot be in the Best Paper Award (BPA) and ERE at the same time. If a paper is not selected in the BPA, it can then be submitted to ERE. Authors indicate whether the paper was in the BPA and which round (1st or 2nd) it reached, so the same reviewers may be invited.

Are there rules on ethics and generative AI?

Yes. ERE follows COPE and EERA ethical guidelines. Authors confirm informed consent, data protection and ethics approvals where applicable, and must disclose any use of generative AI tools. AI cannot be listed as an author.

When and how can I submit?

From November 2026, within three years of your presentation. Register at **ere-journal.pub** and submit through the journal platform.