Call for the

EERA Summer School 2027

On Meaning and Impact of Educational Research

28 June - 2 July 2027
Vilnius University, Lithuania

EERA
EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Vilnius University

We warmly invite doctoral students to apply to our five-day Summer School, 28 June - 2 July 2027, which will be hosted by Vilnius University, Lithuania.

The theme of the EERA Summer School 2027 is „On Meaning and Impact of Educational Research".
The central theme of this year's Summer School is the meaning and impact of educational research. We invite emerging researchers to reflect on their own research projects and their significance for society, educational practice, and their own professional development. By considering ourselves and our research as situated within broader social, cultural, and other contexts, we will explore how educational research can help us make sense of an increasingly complex and uncertain world.

The discussions at the EERSS 2027 in Vilnius will revolve around several key questions: What kind of educational research is meaningful to broader society, educational communities, and researchers themselves? How can we understand and articulate the contribution of our work? And, last but not least, how can we communicate our research and demonstrate its significance and impact to wider audiences?

Questions of meaning are inherent to all research. They shape how we formulate research questions, choose methodologies, interpret findings, and engage with the communities and contexts we study. At the same time, the meaning and impact of educational research have become increasingly prominent topics both within academia and beyond. Educational researchers are often expected to contribute to educational policy, practice, and societal development, and doctoral researchers are no exception. Yet the meaning and impact of research can be understood in multiple ways and from different perspectives. The Summer School will provide a space to critically explore these perspectives, recognising the scientific, professional, personal, cultural, and societal impact of educational research.

The aims of the Summer School are to support emerging researchers in developing their research projects, strengthening their methodological and theoretical thinking, and reflecting on how to communicate their research to broader society. Through keynote lectures, workshops, group discussions, and peer exchange, participants will engage with diverse perspectives on educational research while becoming part of an international community of early-career scholars.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the EERA Summer School in Vilnius for an inspiring and memorable experience as an emerging educational researcher!

Who can apply?

Applicants are doctoral students who primarily come from or study in member countries of EERA. Their thesis must relate to educational research. Preferably, the participant should be a PhD student in the first or second year of their studies in order to benefit the most from this summer school.

The application process will include:

- Abstract of your research (objectives and research questions of your PhD project; conceptual framework; intended methodology, methods, instruments; conclusions, expected outcomes or findings; motivation; references)
- CV
- Letter of endorsement from a current or former supervisor or other senior staff member.

You can find guidelines for the letter at:
https://eera-ecer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/Seasonschools/Summer_School/EERA_Summer_School_Applications.pdf

Applications can be made online at https://www.conftool.net/eerss2027/

What does it cost?

Participation fees for the EERSS 2027 Summer School differ depending on whether you currently reside in a Low or High GDP country. Participation fees will not include accommodation, but participants have the option to book a single en-suite room at the EERSS-partner hotel at a reduced price. (Please note, in addition to the nightly fee a local city tax of approximately 2 € / night will be charged).

Country of residence	Participation Fee	Hotel 5 nights*	Total (incl. hotel)*
Low GDP	60 €	235 €	295 €
High GDP	155 €	235 €	390 €

The fee covers tuition, coffee breaks, lunch, and the social programme.

Please note:

- *Booking your lodging at the partner hotel is optional. You are free to book somewhere else in Vilnius if you wish.
- Participants must cover their travel costs themselves.
- Participants are expected to participate actively throughout the duration of the Summer School.

Important Dates

Application period: 10 November 2026 - 15 January 2027
Information on acceptance: 1 March 2027
Registration/payment: 2 March - 31 March 2027
Summer School: 28 June - 2 July 2027

Information and Contact

For more information on the Summer School:
https://eera-ecer.de/seasonschools/eera-summer-school-2027
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