

European CSCL Award for Excellence PhD Research



The Kaleidoscope CSCL SIG¹ sees the European CSCL Award for Excellence for a PhD candidate in the Field of CSCL Research and/or Development as a way of honoring and stimulating high quality research by PhD candidates.

Nomination procedure

The nomination takes the form of an endorsement of the quality of an article relating to CSCL (e.g., on research, design, or development) that has either been published in an acknowledged scientific journal or book (peer reviewed) and/or that has been presented at a national or international conference that makes use of a blind review system. Nominations consist of a motivation (approximately 500 words) from the person that nominates (cannot be the supervisor, but could be member of the dissertation committee) and the accompanying article, paper or book chapter written by a PhD candidate at the time when it was produced. For this award, work that has been published or presented within the last 24 month is eligible.

Criteria

In CSCL the core focus is how and what students and other actors learn in collaboration with each other when supported with specific artefacts and technologies. This perspective constitutes the foundation for this award.

The specific criteria are that a European PhD student (or team thereof) or a non-European researcher and/or developer that has carried out her or his work at a European institute has, through her or his work:

- (1) advanced present knowledge in CSCL through originality in theory and/or methodology or has designed, developed and/or implemented an innovative CSCL environment or tool;
- (2) made innovative use of methods, extending the approaches available to conducting research and/or development in the CSCL field;
- (3) integrated research and theory grounded in a variety of intellectual traditions into his or her own research and/or development; and
- (4) suggested particularly insightful implications for improving practice, design or has generated or extended theory in potentially useful ways for researchers, practitioners, developers or designers.

¹ Kaleidoscope is a Network of Excellence which brings together European teams in technology-enhanced learning. It integrates more than 80 research units from around Europe, covering a large range of expertise from technology to education, from academic to private research. Altogether, it is a community of more than 1000 researchers in 23 countries which have joined in their efforts to develop new concepts and methods for exploring the future of learning with digital technologies.

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Key aspects that will be used in the evaluation of the work

The primary evaluation criteria are clarity and relevance of:

- (1) purpose or objectives
- (2) conceptual, theoretical, or design framework
- (3) research and/or design approach/methods

For research only:

- (4) data sources and methods of analysis
- (5) findings or results
- (6) conclusions and implications
- (7) significance of the study.

For design and/or development:

- (4) originality and/or grounding in previous work;
- (5) utility, usability and usefulness of the environment or tool based upon well stated design rationale;
- (6) findings or results;
- (7) conclusions and implications; and
- (8) significance of the environment or tool for advancing learning in and/or design of CSCL environments.

If the nominated work is non-empirical in nature, then other criteria apply, such as:

- (1) Does the author present arguments and counter arguments?
- (2) Is the presentation systematically and well-reasoned?
- (3) Is there a logical and rational flow in the argumentation?
- (4) Are the range and scope of literature and opinions presented and referenced in an appropriate way?

Review committee

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The award is endowed with 1000 Euro.

The nomination including the nomination text (approx. 500 words), affiliation and full address of the nominator and the nominee, as well as a copy of the scientific article to be considered should be sent to

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