

# EECERA/ROUTLEDGE ANNUAL EECERJ BEST PUBLISHED PAPER AWARD 2017

EECERA will again be making an award for the 'Best Published Paper' in the EECER Journal. The award for 2017 is jointly sponsored by Routledge and EECERA.

## Aims:

The aims of the award are to:

- Encourage excellence and the highest standards of scholarship and ethical research practice in published research
- Give status to the contribution of the authors published in EECERJ
- Give visibility to those published papers which demonstrate the integration of research in practice
- Disseminate the results of early childhood research
- Help researchers to improve the quality of their published research work by example

## Eligibility:

The EECERJ Best Published Paper Award is eligible to all authors who have published in the last completed EECERJ volume of published papers (Volume 24).

## **Entry Requirements:**

The winning paper is chosen from the last published volume of the EECERJ by the EECERA Awards Committee in July 2017. All potential 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, ethics, applications and research originality will be awarded:

- a certificate
- free membership of EECERA for one year
- a subscription to two Taylor and Francis journals of their choice for one year.

## **Criteria for Judging Award:**

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

- the academic strength of the work and its level of scholarship
- the rigour of the methodology and ethical research practice
- the impact of the research on policy or practice
- the original and innovatory nature of the research and its applications
- its impact and contribution to the field
- citation evidence