

ICLS2010 Early Career Workshop

Timeline

February 15, 2010	Submissions due by 11:59 PM US CDT (GMT - 5:00)
March 15, 2010	Notification of acceptance by email to submitter
April 30, 2010	Post abstract of research work
May 15, 2010	Post 5 page summary of research work
May 15-June 25, 2010	Online review of summaries by workshop participants
June 28, 2010	Prepare and present poster at the workshop

Who Should Submit

Under the auspices of the International Society of the Learning Sciences, ICLS2010 is organizing an international Early Career workshop at the ICLS conference in Chicago. This Early-Career Workshop is intended to provide an opportunity for researchers early in their careers working in learning science-related areas to discuss early-career possibilities and challenges among themselves and with more senior mentors. Scholars who have received their PhD not more than five years ago and who are employed in a research position are welcome to apply, regardless of the type of institution they are working in.

Objectives and Content of Workshop

The three goals of the Early Career Workshop are to:

1. Foster community building between a) early career researchers themselves and b) early career researchers and more senior researchers in order to develop academic, professional, and personal support networks;
2. Build on the 2010 ICLS conference theme, to encourage cross-disciplinary dialogue with emphases on understanding learning themes and methodologies that both define disciplinary goals and also more generally contribute to the Learning Sciences community; and
3. Investigate essential elements of successful academic and professional participation as an early career researcher which may include discussions on: building a research program; requirements for tenure and other professional benchmarks; pointers for grant proposal and journal writing; mentoring graduate students; and negotiating a balance between institutional service, cross cultural issues, academic writing, and teaching.

There are a number of activities planned, including discussions with journal editors, presentations and conversations with leaders in the learning sciences field, a focus on participant identified early career challenges, and opportunities for participants to present their research ideas and receive constructive feedback. The workshop also includes a variety of social activities that will provide a way for those early in their careers to get to know each other.

Faculty and other Scientist Participants

The workshop is being organized by Susan Yoon and Paul Kirschner. Leaders of the workshop and invited guest speakers will be announced in the near future.

Scheduling of Workshop

The workshop will run one and half days prior to the ICLS conference: on Monday morning and afternoon, June 28 and on Tuesday morning, June 29. We are interested in working with a broad range of Learning Sciences researchers from around the world.

Application Process

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2010 at 11:59 PM US CDT (GMT - 5:00). Please name your file as follows: "YOURLASTNAMEEarlyCareerProposal". All documents should be in PDF or Word format.

Applicants should submit one document that includes the following five sections:

1. A two-page summary of your research, including theoretical framework, methods you are using, and plans for moving forward. This summary may be no more than two pages long (using conference formatting).
2. A half-page statement describing how the Early-Career Workshop can be of help you, including topics of panels or mini-classes that you would find useful.
3. A narrative description of your current position including the type of institution that you work in, and your job responsibilities (including teaching, research, mentoring, and committee work).
4. A current curriculum vita.
5. A cover sheet with your name, institution, email address, phone and fax numbers, and surface mail address.

Submit these documents to the following email addresses: yoonsa@gse.upenn.edu and Paul.Kirschner@ou.nl. **Please direct all inquiries to icls2008-earlycareer@isls.org.**

Selection Criteria

In selecting participants for the workshop, the committee will consider the quality of the applicant's research, but will also strive to select a set of participants representing a diversity of institutions, topics, disciplines, and nationalities.

Decisions and notifications will be made by March 15, 2010.