



Early Childhood Studies Degrees Network: Student Publishing Opportunity: 10th Call for Student Papers: June 2021 – deadline for submission is Monday 12th July 2021

Objective: To support and promote the ECSDN student voice and showcase students' engagement with contemporary childhood and children's workforce issues.

Dear ECSDN Member

I hope you are all well, here is an update on the Student Publication Opportunity as well as details about the 10th call for papers.

The Student Publication Opportunity goes from strength to strength and following the last call for student papers, we have published around 60 students' work on the ECSDN website. The review panel for this important part of the ECSDN's work is led by Dr Jo Josephidou, Early Childhood at the Open University and includes Maggie Crowley at Warwick University, Kathryn Crouch at Norland College, Mary Dyer at Huddersfield University, Eva Mikuska at Chichester University, Kerry Moakes at Manchester Metropolitan University and Michelle Wisbey at Anglia Ruskin University – many thanks for volunteering to join the review panel and for your work so far.

Details of the 10th call for papers

We would be very grateful if you would circulate the details to your colleagues and encourage students to submit their work.

1. The requirements are for the student publications are as follows:

- L4 Reflection on an aspect of practice/ the role of the student practitioner: Word limit 1000-1500
- L5 View or commentary on a contemporary issue: Word limit 2000 – 2500
- L6 Report on leading practice underpinned by research: Word limit 3000 – 3500
- L7 Report on author's recent or current research findings: Word limit 4000 - 4500

2. Criteria for selection:

- Relevance of topic or theme in the context of Early Childhood Studies
- Use of appropriate sources from literature
- Satisfactory quality of academic writing.
- For M level submission the work must be based on a small piece of original research. This can draw upon documentary evidence or original data. The submission must include a brief justification of research methodology used.

- All students must seek approval from their course or programme leader (or equivalent) prior to submission.
- Programme Leaders must confirm with the selection committee that they have approved the submission by signing the application (where possible) and sending the submission from their university email account.
 - Programme Leaders or their proxy must proof read the applications, checking for academic quality, spelling, grammar and syntax. (See below for the Submission Form)

3. Suggestions of how to encourage students to submit a paper

Each HEI will have their preferred way of communicating with students, but here are a couple of ideas of how to encourage students to submit for publication:

- You may include in your assessment feedback that the student's work is worthy of wider dissemination
- Email students: this is an example of one used, please adapt to suit your needs:

Dear Students

As we have been marking your assignments, we realise that you have produced a great deal of really interesting work. Many of your ideas and findings from your work are worthy of further dissemination. For this reason, our Centre has worked with other universities as part of the Early Childhood Studies Degrees Network (ECSDN) to create a student publication opportunity for you. Please have a think about how you can use your assignments as the basis for an article which you can then submit for consideration. If you go to the website www.ecsdn.org you will see the work that has previously been published. Having a peer-reviewed article published is a useful addition to your CV. So please consider taking up this opportunity.

*The call for papers has now been launched and the deadline is **Monday 12th July 2021***

4. Guidance for submitting papers

We would be grateful for your support in the following ways:

- Please complete the submission front sheet and paste it into the start of their paper and submit as a word document (not pdf) and send to their tutor for review and confirmation. Their tutor will then forward the submission to Jackie and Helen, copying the student in to the email. Please put 'ECSDN June 2021 call for student papers' in the subject bar
- Give their paper a specific title that reflects the content of their paper
- Emphasise to students the importance of following the academic conventions of referencing as used at their university
- Encourage students to spell-check and check grammar
- If their paper is based on students' own research, **they must address ethical consideration**
- **Please discourage multiple submissions with the same title, drawing on similar arguments and sources**

We are looking forward to seeing more interesting work from our students. And again, thank you to all of you who have supported this so far. Please pass on any comments you may have about refinements that you think we could make to the Student Publication Opportunity.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Best wishes

Jackie and Helen

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