

Call for EARA awards - 2026

Dear EARA members,

We are happy to inform you that we are now accepting nominations for the 2026 **EARA Young Scholar Award**, the 2026 **EARA Lifetime Achievement Award**, and the 2026 **EARA Outstanding Mentor Award**. This year we have also introduced a new **EARA Mid-Career Award** that you can find below. All awards will be presented during the 2026 EARA biennial meeting in Utrecht, Netherlands, from August 18 to 21, 2026.

Our **Awards Committee**, chaired by Neslihan Guney Karaman and consisting of Metin Özdemir, Kazumi Sugimura, and Oana Negru-Subtirica, is responsible for selecting the winners of the awards.

Feel free to propose candidates for these awards. Note that **both nominators and nominees need to be EARA members** (please visit the EARA website to renew your membership if necessary: <https://www.earaonline.org/>). Nominations coming from non-EARA members will not be eligible.

Nominations for all four awards must be sent by email to Neslihan Guney Karaman (neslihanguney@gmail.com). Indicate the email object the award you are referring to (e.g., Object: Nomination for the EARA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD). In addition, you need to fill the following [form](#).

Deadline for nominations for all awards: **March 20, 2026**

THE EARA YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD

The EARA Young Scholar Award was established in 2000. This award recognizes outstanding scholar promise in research on adolescence. The Young Scholar Award is given biennially by the EARA to one young scholar who has published empirical or theoretical studies in international journals or volumes that contribute significantly to understanding adolescence and adolescent development. At the EARA conference in Utrecht, Netherlands 2026, the awarded scholar will be given the opportunity to present his or her research and ideas. In addition, the awardee receives a stipend (€500) to cover conference expenses.

Applications for the award can be submitted by the young scholar him- or herself or by his or her supervisor. Note that **both nominators and nominees need to be EARA members** (please visit the EARA website to renew your membership if necessary: <https://www.earaonline.org/>).

Eligible young scholars are those who obtained their doctoral degree in the last two years. It is possible to apply for this award only once.

Nominations for the Young Scholar Award require the following documents (in pdf format):

- nominee's CV (labeled `firstname_surname_cv`)

- recommendation letter outlining the merits of the award nominee prepared by the nominee's supervisor (labeled *firstname_surname_letter*)
- 3-5 page abstract of the dissertation (labeled *firstname_surname_abstract*)
- the full dissertation (labeled *firstname_surname_dissertation*)

For more information, see <https://www.earaonline.org/awards/young-scholar-award/>

THE MID-CAREER AWARD

This award was introduced by the EARA Council in 2025 to recognize outstanding scholarly contributions and sustained excellence in research on adolescence.

The Mid-Career Award will be presented biennially by EARA, starting from 2026, to an academic who, at the midpoint of their career, has demonstrated a strong and consistent research program through influential empirical and/or theoretical publications in international journals or edited volumes, and has made significant contributions to the advancement of scientific understanding in the field of adolescence and adolescent development. At the EARA conference, the awarded scholar will be given the opportunity to present his or her research program, key contributions, and future directions in the field.

Nominations for the award may be submitted by the scholar him- or herself or by a colleague. Note that both nominators and nominees must be EARA members (please visit the EARA website to renew your membership if necessary: <https://www.earaonline.org/>).

Eligible mid-career scholars are those who obtained their doctoral degree **between 10 and 20 years prior to the nomination year**, and who have established an independent research trajectory with demonstrable impact on the field.

Nominations for the Mid-Career Award require the following documents (in pdf format):

- nominee's CV, including publication list and academic leadership activities (*labeled firstname_surname cv*).
- nomination letter outlining the nominee's scientific contributions, impact on the field, and relevance to EARA's mission, prepared by the nominator (*labeled firstname_surname letter*).
- a 3–5 page statement summarizing the nominee's research program, major contributions, and future research agenda (*labeled firstname_surname statement*).

For more information, see <https://www.earaonline.org/awards/mid-career-award/>

THE EARA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The EARA Lifetime Achievement Award was introduced in 2004 to honor EARA's founding president Sandy Jackson. Dr. Jackson was especially interested in peer relationships, parent-adolescent relationships, and coping. His impact on the field of adolescence was profound and revolutionary.

The EARA Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded for an outstanding lifetime contribution to the study of adolescence. This award is given to a highly esteemed European scholar whose contribution has had far-reaching implications and a significant impact on our understanding of development and behavior during adolescence.

At the EARA conference in Utrecht, Netherlands, 2026, the awarded scholar will be invited to present his or her research and ideas. In addition, the awardee receives a lifetime honorary EARA membership.

Nominations can be done by all EARA members. Note that **both nominators and nominees need to be EARA members** (please visit the EARA website to renew your membership if necessary: <https://www.earaonline.org/>).

Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award require the following documents (in pdf format):

- letter outlining the merits of the award nominee signed by at least two nominators (labeled `firstname_surname_letter`)
- nominee's CV (labeled `firstname_surname_cv`)
- three scholarly articles or chapters that represent the nominee's contributions (each of the labeled `firstname_surname_publication1`, `_publication2`, `_publication3`).

For more information, see <https://www.earaonline.org/awards/lifetime-achievement-award/>

THE EARA OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD

The EARA Outstanding Mentor Award has been introduced in 2018 by the former EARA president Figen Cok.

Teaching, supervising, and supporting early career researchers are fundamental components of promoting high-quality research on adolescence. EARA recognizes this important effort by honouring members who contributed to the field in particular through their mentoring of the next generation of scholars focused on research on adolescence (e.g., supervising doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, promoting their transition to tenure-track positions). Those who exemplify outstanding mentoring will be awarded during the EARA conference in Utrecht, Netherlands, in 2026.

Nominations can be done by current or former Ph.D students of the nominee or someone who worked with the nominee during his/her early career. Note that **both nominators and nominees need to be EARA members** (please visit the EARA website to renew your membership if necessary: <https://www.earaonline.org/>).

Nominations for the Outstanding Mentoring Award require the following documents (in pdf format):

- Three-page letter detailing why the nominee deserves this honour, signed by at least two nominators (labeled `firstname_surname_letter`)
- Nominee's CV (labeled `firstname_surname_cv`)

For more information, see <https://www.earaonline.org/awards/outstanding-mentor-award/>