

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP AWARD



LYN FOOTE AWARD FOR STUDENT RESEARCH IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

2017

Award description:

The Lyn Foote Award for Student Research in Early Childhood is given to a current NZARE member who has completed a high-quality masters or doctoral thesis. Theses nominated must have been completed and examined within two years prior to the closing date for nominations. Student research may address any topic relevant to early childhood education and care. Theses nominated must have been undertaken in New Zealand and be focused on a New Zealand / Aotearoa educational context or contexts. The award comprises a written citation and one year complimentary membership with the SIG while NZARE membership is maintained. The NZARE ECE SIG, in collaboration with the NZARE Council, retains the right to make no award in any one year. The award is intended to support students engaged in high-quality research by having their work recognized and honoured at the national level.

Award submission:

The following information should be forwarded to admin@nzare.org.nz by **1 August 2017**.

- Name, address /phone/email details of nominator(s) and nominee
- Thesis title, Grade verification, and Copies of the examiners' reports
- Nomination letter by supervisor(s);
- An electronic copy of the thesis (NB. the selection panel will generally focus on the Method, Discussion and Conclusion chapters in coming to a decision);
- CV of nominee;
- A recent colour photo of nominee (high resolution jpg format).

Award selection criteria:

- Nominee has completed a high-quality thesis (NB: the selection panel will consider the rigour and quality of research conducted, the thesis's contribution to and implications for early childhood education and care, as well as the thesis's originality (PhD level only), relevance, thoroughness and presentation);
- Nominee has completed their studies and conducted their research in Aotearoa New Zealand in any area related to early childhood education and care;
- Nominee is a current member of NZARE.

Please note that only nomination materials are used to inform selection; although the awards panel will review the thesis, the nominations letter should speak directly to the characteristics of the thesis related to the selection criteria. In addition, The NZARE ECE SIG awards do not preclude ECE SIG members from submitting to the regular NZARE awards in the same year. Students selected for the Rae Munro Award or the Sutton-Smith Doctoral Award, however, will have their nomination withdrawn from the Lyn Foote award as they are not eligible to receive an NZARE award and an ECE SIG award in the same year.

About Lyn Foote:

Lyn Foote passed away in January 2015. Lyn's work in Early Childhood Education focused on equity of provision to early education and care services and the rights of families and children to quality services. Her contribution, advocacy, and leadership in the field has influenced policy, professional practice and her colleagues and students.

