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Academic Stream Submissions

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Accepted submissions from the Academic Stream will be presented at the respective iLRN conference, either online or in person. All presentation formats require **registration** of at least one presenter in the respective registration category and before the author registration deadline. Presentation formats include oral presentations of different lengths, poster presentations, and oral presentations in the DC session. Below, you can find more information about the different types of submission.

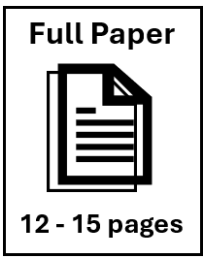
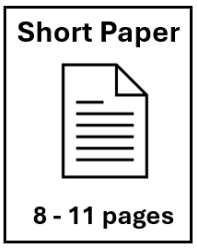
All **online presentations** will also include the publication and distribution of a **pre-recorded video** through the iLRN YouTube channel, so that all online presenters are required to submit a video abstract prior to the conference (except Keynote and Featured Speakers, Invited Panelists, DC).

Types of Submissions

All Academic Stream submissions require the **submission of a scientific paper** that will go through a **double-blind peer review process with independent reviewers**. Based on these reviews, the Academic Program Chair team decides if the paper is going to be published in the respective proceedings, the submitted category, a different category, or rejected in its current form. All paper submissions have to include **only original and unpublished work**. There are two publication formats, depending on the submitted paper category (Full paper, Short paper, Extended abstract, or DC paper):

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1) Published in Scopus-Indexed Springer CCIS Conference Proceedings pending Springer confirmation

Full paper	**Short paper**
• 12-15 pages, incl. references • *Springer LNCS template* • for **oral presentation**	• 8-11 pages, incl. references • *Springer LNCS template* • for **oral presentation**
Comprehensive reports of research, development, and application of immersive learning and technologies. Oral presentations might include live recording and global distribution. Online presentations will include publication and distribution of a pre-recorded video.	Concise reports or preliminary findings of ongoing research on immersive learning/technologies. Oral presentations might include live recording and global distribution. Online presentations will include publication and distribution of a pre-recorded video.

Springer CCIS Conference Proceedings publication acceptance will be decided by the Academic Program Chair Team based on the results of the independent peer review process with at least 3 reviews per paper. The Program Chairs will be following a **40 % acceptance rate** in their decision process. The Springer CCIS Conference Proceedings will contain a minimum of **2/3 Full Papers**.

Check out previous Springer-published iLRN Conference Proceedings:

https://link.springer.com/conference/icil

Springer CCIS Conference proceedings use the LNCS format, so Academic Full and Short Papers must be prepared in the Springer LNCS format. These papers can be submitted until the Academic submission deadline. Note: The copyright document will be made available in the camera-ready phase, but will likely be based on the document you can find on the template website.

Springer Template and Author Instructions

Note: If solid paper contributions that **do not qualify for Springer publication** based on the peer review results and acceptance criteria are deemed highly relevant to the conference by the Program Chair team, an **offer to publish in the iLRN Conference Proceedings** may be made instead. The paper format will then have to be changed to the iLRN Conference Proceedings template.

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2) Included in Open Access iLRN Conference Proceedings with individual DOIs

Extended Abstract  **4 - 7 pages**	**Doctoral Colloquium**  **4 - 7 pages**

Extended abstract	**Doctoral colloquium (DC) paper**
• 4-7 pages, incl. references • *iLRN Conference Proceedings template* • for **poster presentation**	• 4-7 pages, incl. references • *iLRN Conference Proceedings template* • for **oral presentation in the DC session**
This includes but is not limited to submissions of work that is still in progress, describing early-stage research with theoretical background, methodology, and, if applicable, first data collections and a description of next steps, or completed work, condensed research concepts that may be read and understood within an hour. All poster presentations will also include the publication and distribution of a pre-recorded video through the iLRN YouTube channel.	Both doctoral level as well as master's by research students/candidates are eligible to submit to the doctoral colloquium (DC). The DC will be held as a session in addition to the regular paper sessions, with students presenting their research to each other (in English). You can find more information on the Doctoral Colloquium here: Doctoral Colloquium

iLRN Proceedings publication acceptance will be decided by the Academic Program Chair Team based on the results of the independent peer review process with 2 - 3 reviews per paper.

Self-published iLRN Conference Proceedings include individual DOIs per paper. They are published Open Access under a Creative Commons License (more information). Check out previous iLRN-published academic conference proceedings from iLRN2026, iLRN2025 and iLRN2024. The Open Access iLRN Proceedings are not indexed in Scopus, but in various other scholarly platforms (e.g., Google Scholar).

Extended Abstracts and DC papers and proposals must be prepared in the iLRN Proceedings paper format. These papers can be submitted until the Academic submission deadline.

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iLRN Proceedings Templates

Review criteria

Below, the review criteria for papers in the Academic submission stream are listed. For Extended Abstract and Doctoral Colloquium submissions, the submissions are not required to already be fully formed in all categories, but their potential has to be visible from the paper.

Contribution to Immersive Learning Research
How much does the submission contribute to research on learning, instruction, teaching or education with immersive technologies?

Originality and Innovation
How original and innovative is this contribution? How novel and unique are the proposed approach, methods, or ideas?

Methodological/theoretical rigor
Depending on the type of contribution (empirical or theoretical): How sound is the research methodology or theoretical contribution of this submission? For empirical work: are the experimental design, data collection, and analysis appropriate and well-executed? For theoretical work: are theoretical conclusions logically structured and coherent?

Claims/Conclusions
How valid, significant and appropriate are the claims and/or conclusion the authors make? Do they interpret and discuss the implications of their empirical results/theoretical conclusions and (if applicable) the limitations of their work?

Language and academic writing style
Is the text error free (spelling, syntax, grammar)? Is the text comprehensible to the academic community?

Anchored in relevant literature
How well is the paper anchored in relevant immersive learning research literature? Does it provide appropriate citation of related work in the field?

Compliance with style/formatting and referencing guidelines
Does the paper comply with the Springer LNCS template and guidelines (
https://www.springer.com/gp/computer-science/lncs/conference-proceedings-guidelines/) or the
iLRN template (https://publications.immersivelrn.org/index.php/academic/templates) depending on submission type?

Submission Instructions

Checklist

When preparing and before submitting your paper in EasyChair, please check all points in this list:

- **Fit to iLRN conference theme:** Please have a look at the Topic Areas listed on the conference's CfP page and confirm that your paper is in accordance with the iLRN conferences' general theme of **learning with immersive technologies**. During the submission, you will be asked to write a short statement about how your submission fits the iLRN conference theme.
- **iLRN track allocation**: Please have a look at the list of iLRN tracks to decide which track your submission fits best. See more information below on how to select your track in the EasyChair submission process. It will be used for peer review distribution and topical clustering in the program and proceedings. Fit to track is part of a pre-screening process

and a paper might be moved to a different track if necessary.

- **Building upon iLRN foundations**: To allow the immersive learning community to grow on a solid, common basis, authors should read, refer to, and build upon existing immersive learning research, theoretical models, and frameworks. This is also an important criterion of the peer reviews. Link to previous iLRN proceedings
- **For Work-in-Progress Extended Abstract submissions**: If you submit an Academic Stream Extended Abstract, please clearly state in the abstract and the main text if it describes a submission of a Work in Progress for an informed peer review process.
- **iLRN submission policies and ethics statements**: Please examine closely and follow the iLRN plagiarism policy and the iLRN Ethics and Malpractice Statement for your submission. All iLRN submissions must be original, unpublished works. A plagiarism and duplicate publication check will be performed in the paper pre-screening.
- **Template use**: For the preparation of your manuscript, please use the correct template and follow the page number boundaries for your chosen submission type.
- **Paper anonymization**: Confirm that all information identifying the authors has been removed from the manuscript for double-blind peer review (do not fill in authors' names in the template, and make sure that self-citations do not reveal your identity). If accepted, you will be asked to add this information later in the camera-ready version of the paper.

Please be aware: papers that do not fit the topic of iLRN conferences, do not use the correct template or are not anonymized cannot be accepted for the peer review process and might be desk rejected.

All contributions will be accepted only via the online submission system Easy Chair (link below). Submissions will not be accepted via email. A double blind peer-review process will be used to evaluate all submissions, including independent 2 - 3 reviews per submission.

Submission tracks

Academic papers can be submitted until the Academic submission deadline (check Important Dates in the CfP). For submission, please access the EasyChair submission website. In EasyChair, you will find different tracks to submit to. These are structured based on the iLRN tracks. Please choose the track that is most in accordance with the topic of your paper. This structure is applied for peer review and reviewer invitations.

Once you have selected the track, you can then select your submission type (**Full Paper, Short Paper, Extended Abstract, DC paper**).

	Track
★	(1) Foundations of Immersive Learning: Computer Science
★	(2) Foundations of Immersive Learning: Game Design / UX
★	(3) Foundations of Immersive Learning: Learning Sciences

	Track
★★	(4) Applied Immersive Learning (iLRN Track 2 - 10)
★★★	(5) Special Track 1 - XR + AI in Geographic Regions
★★★	(6) Special Track 2 - OnLIFE Education Paradigm in Ecologically Connected Immersive Contexts
★★★	(7) Special Track 3 - Brazil Geographic Chapter
★★★	(8) Special Track 4 - Designing XR for Cognitive Diversity
★★★	(9) Special Track 5 - Inclusive XR and Trustworthy AI (iLRNC4All)

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EasyChair submission tracks 1 - 3 are a specification of the iLRN Track 1 "Foundations of Immersive Learning Research and Theory", making use of the three foundational disciplines that are part of the roots in the iLRN knowledge tree (

https://www.immersivelrn.org/initiatives/knowledge-tree/)

Track 1	Foundations of Immersive Learning Research and Theory	Theoretical, methodological, and epistemological work not linked to a specific application area

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EasyChair submission track 4 includes the iLRN tracks 2 - 10 as listed on the iLRN website and below. In order to specify which of the application tracks you are submitting for, please chose this track and then select the topic from the list in the submission form.

Track 2	Assessment and Evaluation (A&E)	Measuring learning outcomes, usability, and effectiveness in immersive environments
Track 3	Galleries, Libraries, Archives, & Museums (GLAM)	Cultural heritage, public engagement, and informal learning in immersive contexts
Track 4	Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access, & Social Justice (IDEAS)	Accessible design, DEI in XR research and practice, and underserved populations
Track 5	STEM Education	Science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics learning with immersive tools
Track 6	Language, Culture, & Heritage (LCH)	Language learning, cultural transmission, and heritage preservation via immersion

Track 7	Medical & Healthcare Education (MHE)	Clinical training, patient education, rehabilitation, and health simulations
Track 8	Nature & Environmental Sciences (NES)	Environmental education, ecology, and sustainability in immersive contexts
Track 9	Workforce Development & Industry Training (WDIT)	Professional skills, corporate training, and vocational applications of XR
Track 10	Self and Co-Regulated Learning with Immersive Environments (SCILE)	Metacognition, self-regulation, and collaborative learning in XR

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EasyChair submission track 5 - 9 include the Special Tracks of this years conference as listed on the iLRN website and below.

Special Track 1	(CHAPTERS) XR + AI in Geographic Regions	https://www.immersivelrn.org/ilrn2027/special-tracks/chapters/
Special Track 2	(OEPECI) OnLIFE Education Paradigm in Ecologically Connected Immersive Contexts	https://www.immersivelrn.org/ilrn2027/special-tracks/oepeci/
Special Track 3	(BRACHP) iLRN Brazil Geographic Chapter	https://www.immersivelrn.org/ilrn2027/special-tracks/brachp/
Special Track 4	(DXCD) Designing XR for Cognitive Diversity	https://www.immersivelrn.org/ilrn2027/special-tracks/dxcd/
Special Track 5	(iLRNC4All) Inclusive XR and Trustworthy AI	https://www.immersivelrn.org/ilrn2027/special-tracks/ilrnc4all/

EasyChair Submission

Contact

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the iLRN 2027 Academic Program Chair Team (ilrn2027.academicprogram@immersivelrn.org) or the Doctoral Colloquium Team (ilrn2027.dcprogram@immersivelrn.org).

Doctoral Colloquium (DC)

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Graduate students from across the disciplines are invited to join us at our annual Doctoral Colloquium (DC) which is part of the International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network. The Doctoral Colloquium session will take place at the online and/or the in-person part of the conference. A decision on this will be made based on the preferences of the participants.

The scope of the iLRN DC encompasses all areas of VR/AR/MR (XR) and immersive learning research, with contributions being peer-reviewed scholarly papers of 4 - 7 pages in standard Academic conference paper format, whose lead or sole author is a student. Both doctoral level as well as master's by research students/candidates are eligible to submit to the DC.

Benefits of participation

The iLRN DC provides graduate-level students who are either planning to undertake or currently undertaking VR/AR/MR (XR) and immersive learning research as part of their studies with a platform to:

- Build their networks by connecting with other scholars both synchronously through online and in-person sessions, as well as asynchronously through iLRN's Discord server and social media groups/channels;
- Obtain early visibility for their proposed and/or ongoing research;
- Solicit constructive feedback on their work, with the feedback being provided by graduate students, for graduate students.

Alternatively, if you're not ready to present, feel free to join us, meet other students and researchers and get feedback and support from the iLRN community!

Submission, Review and Publication

The Doctoral Colloquium is part of the Academic Stream of the conference. You can find the review criteria and submission instructions for Academic Papers, including DC papers, on the **Academic Stream Website (link below)**. To apply for the DC, you have to submit a paper through the EasyChair system. In the EasyChair submission form, you can decide if you want your paper to be published in the iLRN Academic Proceedings. We warmly recommend publication, but it is optional for DC submissions. For examples of DC papers, see the iLRN2023 WiP and DC Proceedings, iLRN2024 Selected Academic Papers Proceedings and iLRN2025 Selected Academic Papers Proceedings, iLRN2026 Selected Academic Papers Proceedings.

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