

**Out-of-School Time Special Interest Group  
of the American Educational Research Association**

**Out-of-School Time  
Scholar Award**

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This award is for outstanding research in the out-of-school time field and honors a scholar in the early to middle stages of their career no later than 15 years after receipt of the doctoral degree. We define out-of-school (OST) time scholarship as research pertaining to the culture, activities, practices, experiences, and outcomes (social, academic, developmental) of community-based education, youth work practice, and extracurricular programming. This can include studies that examine afterschool programming, community-based youth organizations, informal learning communities, nonprofit philanthropy, youth workers, community-based leaders, OST partnerships, and sociopolitical inquiry into race, class, power, gender, privilege, etc. in relation to children, youth, families, youth workers/youth development professionals, and community members in OST contexts. Studies can be empirical or theoretical; all methodological approaches are welcome.

As the OST SIG, we understand that learning and development occur in many contexts beyond schools and that OST programs hold varied goals and activities for children and youth (e.g. youth leadership, college access, STEM, school-age care, mentorship, the arts, activism). As such, we welcome scholars whose work takes place in afterschool programs (school or community-based), parks, recreation centers, community and neighborhood centers, college/ university-run youth programs, youth development organizations, juvenile justice programs, summer camps, museums, libraries, virtual/digital settings, etc. We encourage applicants to refer to our website to better understand the mission of our SIG. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the SIG at [aeraostsig@gmail.com](mailto:aeraostsig@gmail.com) or chair, Deepa S. Vasudevan at [dvasudevan@air.org](mailto:dvasudevan@air.org)

## **2022 OST Scholar Award Nomination Instructions**

### **Award Nomination Instructions**

The Scholar Award actively contributes to and celebrates the OST SIG's mission of promoting and supporting quality research in the field of out-of-school time.

### **About the Out-of-School Time (OST) SIG**

The purpose of the OST SIG is to provide a dedicated forum for both education researchers and youth work/OST practitioners to convene, share resources, and become each other's resources toward the betterment of the out-of-school time programs for children, youth, and families. The SIG aims to promote dialogue across major OST stakeholders toward a platform of community advocacy and collaboration for the optimal development of young people.

### **THE CRITERIA**

Scholar Recipients must meet each of the following two criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their research.
- Conduct innovative, high quality research that contributes to the field of out-of-school time learning.

### **COMPLETING THE FORM**

Nominations for the OST Scholar Award must be submitted using [this form](#). Incomplete nominations will not be referred to the Selection Committee. Self-nominations will be accepted.

### **THE PROCESS**

The OST Scholar Award will be selected by the Awards Committee, which will then review and select the 2022 Scholar.

**The OST Scholar Award recipient will be announced to the membership ahead of the AERA annual meeting. The award recipient will be recognized during the OST SIG membership meeting (Business Meeting) during the AERA Annual Meeting.**

**RETURN COMPLETED ONLINE FORM (with REQUIRED MATERIALS) BY  
the deadline listed in the email.**

## Out-of-School Time Scholar Award Nomination Form

**Please complete online:** <https://forms.gle/5MDYvqBvSDDmAGdz9>

Date:

### **NOMINEE**

Name:

Preferred Gender Pronouns:

Phone & Email:

Title/Position:

Organization/Institution:

Date of doctoral degree completion

### **NOMINATOR (if other than nominee)**

Name:

Preferred Gender Pronouns:

Phone & Email:

Title/Position:

Organization/Institution:

*(Please submit detailed explanations of the criteria listed below)*

**I. In 500-700 words, describe the scholarship and contributions to the OST field:** Please provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in their research endeavors. Please describe how the nominee's research contributes to the importance, relevance, and complexity of out-of-school time education. How has the nominee expanded or deepened our understanding of out-of-school time programs and experiences within these contexts?

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CRITERIA:**

Please include, in addition to the completed nomination form:

- Curriculum Vitae
- 500 word statement describing the nominee's scholarship and contributions to the OST field
- 2 sample publications: 1 must be peer-reviewed scholarship - additional samples can be journal articles, book chapters, public report, online editorials/commentaries/news articles)

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM (WITH REQUIRED MATERIAL) by the deadline.**