



*Organisation Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire
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World Organization for Early Childhood Education*

1st ANNUAL OMEP NEW SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION

OMEP New Scholar Award is a new world project initiative of OMEP in order to promote study and research related to early childhood education and care to facilitate broad understanding of the needs of early childhood worldwide. This is the first year that World OMEP will present a research award for outstanding young scholars around the world.

We invite all OMEP members and non-members to submit their proposals for the 2020 award. The OMEP New Scholar Award Committee will review all abstracts. Up to two applications will be selected for award, one for a post graduate student (during masters or doctoral degree) and one for an early career researcher (within 5 years from gaining doctoral degree). Winner(s) will be notified by April, 25 2020.

Winners will receive their award at OMEP's 2020 World Conference. The amount of award is US\$500 for post a graduate student winner and US\$1,000 for an early career researcher winner.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR OMEP NEW SCHOLAR AWARD

1. Research paper must be submitted in English.
2. Research paper must be received via email (omepnewscholar@gmail.com) by April 15, 2020 and will not be accepted after the deadline. See submission details below.
3. Research paper may be for research involving (a) work directly with children aged between birth and 8 years, with preference for children younger than 6 years of age; and/or (b) work in pre-service or in-service teacher education focusing on education for sustainable development; and/or (c) work related to quality in early childhood education and care (teacher, institution, curriculum etc).
4. Research paper must be for recent or ongoing research that (a) has been implemented in the past 5 years. (b) Research paper must include information on the research aim, method (including number of participants), theoretical orientation, findings and potential to inform early childhood practice, research or policy field.
5. Research paper is required to be written in Word document. The length of the paper can be from 2,500 words up to 7,000 words with Arial font, size 12 in single spacing format.
6. Selection criteria for OMEP New Scholar Award is as below.
 - 1) Originality and academic contribution of thesis topic
 - 2) Relevance of research problem and contents
 - 3) Analysis and review on contemporary literature
 - 4) Suitability of research method
 - 5) Validity of result and conclusion statement
 - 6) Relevance of reference
 - 7) Clarity of abstract

- 8) Clarity of construction
 - 9) Implications for ECEC practice, research or policy
 - 10) Consideration of ethical issues regarding research
7. Award winners of the OMEP New Scholar Award need to register for the 2020 OMEP international conference(<http://www.omep2020.org/en/registrations/>) in order to present their award at the conference. Awardees are required to present their research at 2020 OMEP international conference, as below.
- 1) Post graduate student(during masters or doctoral degree) winner is required to present awarded research either in a) poster format or in b) oral presentation.
 - 2) Early career researcher(within 5 years from gaining doctoral degree) winner is required to present awarded research in oral presentation

If awardees are unable to attend the conference and present their research, further discussion will be needed with the OMEP New Scholar Award executive board to decide the presentation format.

8. Awardees are expected to submit their paper for publication on international journal within a year. The OMEP New Scholar Award executive board will provide a research mentoring to support further development of the research.

AWARDS

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POST AWARDS

Winners will be given OMEP membership in their respective country for one year. Research mentor will be provided for up to two years to support the further development of the awarded research and networking in OMEP international early childhood education and care.

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2020

Submit your research abstract by **April, 15** 2020 as an email attachment to the following:
Min Young Jang(omepnewscholar@gmail.com). Inquiries should also be sent to this email address.