

# CASEL Weissberg Scholars Program

Innovators of Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning

Inspiring a new generation of early career scholars and educators who embody evidence-based research and collaboration to advance social and emotional learning in support of the positive development of children, families, and communities.

For more information, please visit <https://casel.org/weissberg-scholars>

## TIMELINE

- Applications open on **June 24, 2021**
- Applications close on **August 16, 2021**
- First cohort of scholars announced – **October 14, 2021**
- Kickoff Meeting – **Spring of 2022**

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have received their Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent research degree between January 2016 and October 2021.
- Applicants' current work settings can include, but are not limited to, university/college settings, school districts, research organizations, policy institutes, non-profits, or state or federal departments of education.
- Applicants must demonstrate experience/commitment to collaborative research approaches on SEL that include at least one of the following: educators, families, community, policymakers, children and youth.
- Applicants' conducted research should take place in real-world settings.
- Applicants demonstrate potential to become innovators in SEL research, practice, and policy.
- Applicants should identify area(s) in which participation in the CASEL Weissberg Scholars program will expand their expertise, and specific details should be provided in their application.

## POSSIBLE THEMES OF APPLICANTS' RESEARCH PROGRAM

- Civic Education
- Family – School Partnerships and SEL
- Adult SEL
- Outcome evaluations of SEL programs for children and youth
- Implementation research on children and youth
- Integrating systemic SEL into teacher preparation programs
- Systemic approaches to SEL in schools and communities
- SEL with Parents and Families
- SEL and Out of School Time
- Development of Social and Emotional Skills, Attitudes, and Values
- Workforce Readiness and Entrepreneurship



## APPLICATION MATERIALS

The application should make a cohesive argument for how the applicant will expand their expertise by participating in the CASEL Weissberg Scholars program.

All materials must be received no later than **5:00 pm Central Time on Monday, August 16, 2021**. *Please account for time zone differences.*

- **Current Curriculum Vita or Resume that includes the categories below.** *(Please do not include acronyms on the CV)*
  - Education beyond high school (include any professional education beyond the highest earned degree), beginning with your most recent program of study. Be sure to include the name(s) of your institution, location, major/minor, degree, and date awarded.
  - Employment beginning with the most recent. Include your title, the organization name, location, and dates.
  - Awards or fellowships received. Include title and dates.
  - Publications and research relevant to education.
- **Career Statement Narrative (4-page limit)**
  - Please describe your current work in the field of Social & Emotional Learning (limit of one page double spaced).
  - What led you to your current role? How does your work align with the eligibility criteria for the CASEL Weissberg Scholar Program? Indicate how your long-term professional goals will be advanced through this opportunity (limit of 2 pages, double-spaced).
  - Discuss any previous research collaborations with school districts (1 page, double-paced).
- Submit up to three **sample publications/reports** or equivalent.
- List the names, e-mails, and addresses of three professional **references**.
- **Optional:** Provide the names of up to three senior scholars in the field of SEL who you would like to serve as your mentor. *Note: we may not be able to accommodate all requests.*

## SCHOLAR COMMITMENTS

If selected for the two-year program, Scholars commit to:

- Participate in joint welcome meetings with all program scholars and mentors to make mutual introductions.
- Participate in group seminars with other scholars, arranged by the program Advisory Committee.
- Schedule virtual introductory meeting with assigned mentor to discuss initial thoughts for the scholar's Individual Professional Development Plan.
- Submit an Individual Professional Development Plan to the mentor, to be used at bi-monthly touch-base calls to track progress and update when new opportunities or challenges arise.
- Attend one in-person meeting with a small group of scholars, mentors, and SEL thought leaders. *(location TBD)*
- Attend the SEL Exchange, hosted by CASEL in the Fall of 2022 and 2023.
- Complete an end-of-year report to help the CASEL Weissberg Scholars program with continuous quality improvement.

