

How to Get Involved

Step 1: Superintendent/Principal/School District Administrator identifies Teacher Leader Staff Member

Step 2: Superintendent/Principal/School District Administrator identifies potential Student Participants

Step 3: Students register for Collaborative by Friday October 16, 2026

See additional resources and registration:
Information and registration - bit.ly/OSU_SLRC
Program video - bit.ly/OSUSLRC22-23
Digital yearbook - isu.pub/tHQ29QV
Dr. Keith Bell's REN Talk - bit.ly/REN-KB
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YPAR

Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) is a research methodology that empowers young people by recognizing them as experts of their own life experiences. YPAR allows youth to share authority to gather data on a problem in their school and present their findings through a capstone and poster presentation in May

Collaborative Partners

Martha Holden Jennings Foundation
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio
Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
Educational Service Center of Pickaway County
The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology
The Ohio State University Office of Community Engagement
Phil Mallott Family Foundation
Jostens
McGraw Hill
Veregy LLC
P2i Foundation
Moody Nolan Architecture
Ohio High School Athletic Association
Ohio School Boards Association
First Ring Student Leadership Institute
State Farm Insurance
P. Randolph Financial Group
Douglas & Associates Realty
Vision Realty
Columbus State Community College
Ohio National Guard
Reese Realty Group
Diversified Systems Inc.
Universal Studios Orlando
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Learn Kernel
Right at School

2026- 2027 OSU SLRC Schedule

Session I | Oct. 29 | Columbus State
Session II | Nov. 18 | Columbus State*
Session III | Dec. 9 | Columbus State
Session IV | Jan. 27 | Ohio State
Session V | Feb. 17 | Columbus State
Session VI | March 9 | Cleveland State*
Session VII | April 21 | Columbus State
Session VIII | May 18 | Columbus State

*Joint session with First Ring Student Institute participants



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HELP YOUR STUDENTS BECOME

VOICES OF CHANGE



The Ohio State University
Student Leadership
Research Collaborative
2026-2027

Supporting Student Growth in Leadership,
Advocacy and Research through Action



About the Collaborative

The Student Leadership Research Collaborative gives students a structured platform to research, discuss, and solve issues students identify. Participants will learn the skills and form the relationships they need to become change leaders @ their schools. Throughout the year, students will:

- Attend eight sessions beginning October 2026 through May 2027
- Engage in a mix of hands-on activities, simulations, and work groups
- Share ideas with peers from other districts
- Learn from dynamic speakers including youth advocates, community experts, and school administrators
- Work closely with OSU & Student mentors and team from their district to solve issues identified through the collaborative YPAR process.

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Year Two/Three Authentic Leadership, Research & Advocacy In Action

Year one students move on to year two/three to put their ideas into authentic action and research while supporting the growth of first year student researchers in a mentorship role.

Year Two/Three students in 2026-27 will work together in one group, along with the OSU College of Arts and Sciences, Cleveland State University and the OSU College of Education and Human Ecology conduct statewide research in partnership with the FRSLI in Northeast Ohio on a topic to be determined by the group.

The Civil Discourse & Community Participatory Partnerships cohort is an opportunity for OSU SLRC year I completers to develop and amplify their participatory leadership skills in collaboration with community partners and community members. Students will either plan and host conversations in their school or local community about conversations that matter to people in those spaces, or they will collaborate with local community organizations to support regenerative engagement projects. Students can also apply for a week-long summer experience on the Ohio State University campus called Regenerative Engagement 101 where they can deepen their participatory leadership skills and plan projects for the coming year. Students may also apply for CCP credits for the summer course.

