

## **Best Paper Award: Paper on Environmental Sustainability and Entrepreneurship**

### ***Motivation for the award***

Entrepreneurship is an important lever for addressing grand challenges related to environmental sustainability such as biodiversity loss, deforestation, and global warming. Not only can entrepreneurs provide solutions to these grand challenges, but these challenges also provide an opportunity to entrepreneurs to create innovative business models. Research at the intersection of environmental sustainability and entrepreneurship can contribute to this agenda. Rigorous research can provide evidence-based insights to entrepreneurs for using business as a force for change.

ONE members have spearheaded this scholarly agenda. They engage in rigorous scholarship that explain the when, what, how and why of entrepreneurship that positively impacts the natural environment. *Best Paper Award for Paper on Environmental Sustainability and Entrepreneurship, sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation*, will support ONE members to continue this research. Specifically, it will (1) recognize cutting-edge scholarship in this area, and (2) encourage scholars to forge a research agenda at the intersection of entrepreneurship and environmental sustainability.

### ***Submission requirements and criteria***

#### *Minimum requirements for evaluation*

1. ONE membership

At least one author of the study needs to be ONE division member when they apply for the award

2. Timeline

Papers assigned to a journal volume and issue published during calendar year 2020 and 2021 are eligible. Papers in-press or published online in advance, during calendar year 2020 and 2021, on a journal's website are also eligible.

#### *Criteria for evaluation*

3. Coherence with the topics

The phenomenon under scrutiny must be at the intersection of environmental sustainability and entrepreneurship. Coherence with the two domains will be evaluated by experts in the field.

4. Rigor

The study must show rigorous development both in its theoretical reasoning and analysis (if applicable). Both empirical (quantitative or qualitative), and conceptual papers are eligible.

5. Originality

Cutting-edge topics, including understudied phenomena or contexts, or new methodologies will be evaluated as a sign of originality, considering the latest developments in the literature.

6. Contribution

The paper must make a novel theoretical and/or methodological contribution to the entrepreneurship and/or sustainability literatures.

7. Implications for practice

The paper must show potential to impact practice.

Those who have applied for the [Early Career Best Paper Award](#) cannot submit the same paper for this award.

Two finalists and a winner will be selected by an award committee comprising ONE division leaders, senior scholars, and prior winners.

The members of the award committee are:

- [Joel Gehman, The George Washington University](#)
- [Lisa Hehenberger, ESADE](#)
- [Jonatan Pinkse, The University of Manchester](#)

The winner will be announced at the ONE Business Meeting at the Academy of Management conference in August and will receive \$500 in cash and a plaque, totaling an amount of \$1000.

### ***Submission process and deadline***

To nominate an article, submit the original article, along with a letter of nomination, which should include:

1. Full citation and author's contact information
2. Outline how the paper meets the evaluation criteria listed above (max 300 words)

The paper and the letter of nomination must be sent to Garima Sharma ([gsharma7@gsu.edu](mailto:gsharma7@gsu.edu)) and Simone Carmine ([simone.carmine@unipd.it](mailto:simone.carmine@unipd.it)).

The **deadline for submission is May 9, 2022**