

Call for Papers for a Special Issue  
**Journal of Youth and Adolescence**

**Pathways to Flourishing: Contributions of Katariina Salmela-Aro to the Study of Productive Youth Development**

**Extended Abstract Submission:** January 15, 2026

**Full Manuscript Submission:** August 1, 2026

Professor Katariina Salmela-Aro was an esteemed and highly influential scholar in developmental psychology and education. Utilizing longitudinal approaches, she made profound and lasting contributions to research on motivation, well-being, school burnout and engagement, the transition into adulthood, and the role of digital technologies on youth development.

To celebrate and carry forward Professor Katariina Salmela-Aro's legacy, the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* is calling for papers for a Special Issue, *Pathways to Flourishing: Contributions of Katariina Salmela-Aro to the Study of Productive Youth Development*. We particularly welcome empirical research utilizing longitudinal data to understand how young people learn, grow, and thrive. Topics of interest consist of, but are not limited to:

- 1. Students' Motivation, school burnout, and school engagement:** Processes, antecedents, and outcomes.
- 2. Positive Youth Development:** Well-being, resilience, and flourishing among young people.
- 3. Transition from adolescence into adulthood:** Personal goals, identity development, and diverse educational pathways.
- 4. Current topics in youth development:** Attitudes and behavior related to climate change and digital technologies

**Submission Details**

Interested contributors are invited to submit an extended abstract of 700-1000 words. Preliminary data results should be presented in the abstract. Research with data collection in progress will not be considered. It is important to note that both the extended abstract and the full manuscript must clearly articulate how the study is meaningfully informed by Professor Katariina Salmela-Aro's scholarship, or how it contributes to advancing the theoretical, methodological, or empirical foundations established by her work.

Please submit your extended abstract by January 15, 2026, using the online submission form (<https://bit.ly/JOYOSI>) or access the via the QR code below.



The guest editors will review the extended abstracts and notify authors of the manuscript invitation decision by March 1, 2026. Full manuscripts are due by August 1, 2026. All full manuscripts will undergo a double-blind peer-review process. An invitation to submit a full manuscript does not guarantee acceptance. Authors are encouraged to share their full manuscripts with the guest editors for suggestions by June 15, 2026, although this step is optional. Full manuscripts should adhere to the journal's manuscript length and formatting requirements.

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### **Expected Timeline**

Call for Papers: November 1, 2025

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Invitation for Full Manuscript: March 1, 2026

(Optional) Full Manuscript to Guest Editors for Suggestions: June 15, 2026

Full Manuscript Submission: August 1, 2026

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