

ACOSA Awards

Due
Sept 15,
2016

Submit Nomination for Career Achievement, Emerging Scholar, Doctoral Student,
Outstanding Practitioner and/or Outstanding Student

ACOSA invites you to nominate a worthy candidate for the **Career Achievement Award, Emerging Scholar Award, Doctoral Student Award, Outstanding Practitioner Award, and/or the Outstanding Student Award** to be given at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Atlanta, GA on November 5, 2016.

The **Career Achievement Award** honors the lifetime contribution of a person in the field.

Criteria: Over the course of his/her career, the nominee shall have made a major contribution to:

1. The conceptual definition of community practice (community organization or social administration); or
2. The empirical knowledge base of the discipline, including research methods and findings; or
3. The significant development of practice methods, including work as a practitioner, teacher or methods, and/or writer.

The **Emerging Scholar Awards** honors a recent Ph.D. (pre-tenure) who is doing meritorious scholarship in the field. The **Doctoral Student Award** honors a current PhD student who is doing meritorious scholarship in the field.

Criteria for both: The nominee shall have demonstrated:

1. Outstanding scholarly potential in an area of community and/or organizational practice as evidenced by the dissertation proposal, dissertation, and/or other writing; or
2. Substantial dissemination of knowledge through presentation of work.

Nomination Materials for all award categories:

(Nominator must be an individual member of ACOSA)

*A letter of recommendation that clearly describes the demonstrated contributions of the nominee according to the criteria; and

One letter of support for the nominee from an instructor or colleague; and

A CV of the nominee

Emerging Scholar and Doctoral students only – A sample of scholarly work

Send to Julie Birkenmaier, Ph.D., Chair of Awards committee at Birkenjm@slu.edu by Sept 15, 2016. State "nomination" in the subject line.

*Letters that describe and provide evidence of the impact, legacy and/or promise of the nominee are most helpful.

The **Outstanding Practitioner Award** honors the significant contribution to a community of a BSW or MSW macro practitioner.

Criteria: The nominee shall have demonstrated:

1. At least two (2) years of experience in community and/or administrative practice
2. Outstanding contribution in an area of community and/or organizational practice.

The **Outstanding Student award** recognizes the contribution of a BSW or MSW student who has been involved in a community or organizational practice currently or in the past.

Criteria: The nominee shall have demonstrated:

1. Current enrollment in a BSW, or MSW program (candidates will be considered compared to students enrolled in the same program)
2. Outstanding contribution in an area of community and/or organizational practice within an academic institution(s), an organization, or a community.
3. Outstanding synthesis of their work relative to social work history through submission of an essay. Nominees must submit a written essay (not to exceed 750 words) on the following three issues:
 - a) Describe the importance of social justice and at least one historical instance in which community practitioners and social activists have made a significant impact on society;
 - b) Describe the strategies and tactics used in the change effort and why these methods were effective;
 - c) Describe your own current or future practice as a community practitioner. How have you influenced social change or how do you plan to influence change in the future?

The awards committee will review all nominations with careful attention to the depth and diversity from the fields of community and administrative practice. Award recipients will be notified by late-September, 2016. Presentation of the awards will occur at the ACOSA Membership meeting held during the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting in Atlanta, GA November 5, 2016. **Deadline September 15, 2016 for nominations.** Submit nomination materials as a complete package to: **ACOSA Awards Committee c/o Julie Birkenmaier, Ph.D. Chair, ACOSA Awards committee, at birkenjm@slu.edu.** Please note that incomplete nomination packages will not be accepted.