

Critical Criminal Justice Section's Outstanding Student Paper Award

Intent of the Award

The intent of the award is to provide recognition of a student (either undergraduate or graduate) who produces an outstanding paper on an issue associated with critical criminal justice and to provide the award winner with a travel stipend intended to be used for attending and presenting at the annual meeting of ACJS.

Responsible Committee:

The Critical Criminal Justice Section Executive Board shall establish an Outstanding Critical Criminal Justice Student Paper Competition Committee (Committee) of no less than three members. The Committee will be responsible for reading and scoring all papers submitted for consideration using the established-grading rubric for that purpose (see below). It will, upon making a decision about the winning paper, notify the Section's Executive Board of its selection. The Board will then notify the student and work with him/her to ensure they are on the program for the next annual meeting of ACJS and to get the established stipend to the student for support for travel to that meeting.

Eligibility:

A student who is nominated for the paper competition need not be an ACJS member at the time of the nomination. It is expected, however, that award winners will, upon notification of having been selected for the award, become a member of ACJS and a member of the Critical Criminal Justice Section. The student must also be enrolled in an institution of higher learning at the time he or she submits a paper for consideration. It is recognized that a student could graduate prior to the time of the award or the next annual meeting where the paper will be presented. In order to receive the award and the travel stipend (see below), the student must be present at the annual meeting and actually present the winning paper. The paper can be co-authored with other students, but cannot be co-authored with a faculty member. If the paper has multiple authors, the winners will share the established travel stipend.

Submission: The paper should be electronically submitted to the Chair of the student paper competition committee and by the deadline established in any given year. Proof of the student's current college or University enrollment must be established.

Criteria: Papers will be scored using the grading rubric below with one being the lowest score and five being the highest score.

Topic relevant to critical criminal justice

1 2 3 4 5

Thorough review of the literature

1 2 3 4 5

Organization of the paper

1 2 3 4 5

Appropriate methods or theoretical argument if a theory paper only

1 2 3 4 5

Properly cited

1 2 3 4 5

Conclusions/implications fully explained

1 2 3 4 5

Overall quality of writing

1 2 3 4 5

Awarding Travel Stipend:

The award stipend shall consist of \$500 toward travel expenses related to the annual meeting of ACJS. Before the award can be dispersed, documentary evidence that the student will be attending the annual meeting and present the paper cited above should be obtained by the Section's Executive Board (acceptance of abstract or email notification of registration for the conference).