

# ACJS Doctoral Summit

## Call for Participants 2020

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The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences would like to invite 40 advanced doctoral students from accredited Ph.D. programs to participate in the ACJS Doctoral Summit during the 2020 annual meeting. The conference will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 in San Antonio, Texas.

### **Scholarship**

Students selected to participate in the Summit will be awarded a scholarship that includes the conference registration fee, hotel lodging with an assigned, same-gender roommate for three nights (Wednesday March 25, Thursday March 26, and Friday March 27), and two meals. Students who successfully complete all of the requirements will receive a certificate of completion and official recognition as a Doctoral Fellow of ACJS by the Academy.

### **Eligibility Conditions**

Advanced doctoral students with a minimum 3.5 GPA are encouraged to apply. Advanced doctoral students are those who are done with classes, have taken their qualifying exams (or their program's equivalent progress marker), or have completed their prospectus. Potential applicants do not have to meet all three criteria to be considered eligible, but they should be further along in their degree progress than newer students. Students must submit both the online form and application packet to be considered. Those who have previously been awarded are not eligible.

### **Scholarship Requirements and Expectations**

1. Participants must complete 7.5 hours of professional development training, plus attend an orientation and debriefing dinner. Participants will prepare for the professional development training sessions by completing several short readings prior to the Summit. The 7.5 hours of professional development training will be covered in six sessions:
  - Networking and Service in the Academy
  - Outside the Ivory Tower: Finding a Healthy Work-Life Balance
  - Addressing Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Barriers in Academia (Part 1)
  - Addressing Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Barriers in Academia (Part 2)
  - Navigating the Academic Job Market in Criminology/Criminal Justice *or* an approved workshop focusing on non-academic track issues
  - So You Got Hired in Academia! Now What? *or* an approved workshop focusing on non-academic track issues

Students who fail to complete all 7.5 hours of professional development, and/or attend other required events, will not receive a certificate of completion.

2. A scholarship recipient may only miss *one* session because s/he is presenting research at another scheduled panel, and s/he is the first-author of that paper. The session must then be made up by attending another panel sponsored by the ACJS Doctoral Student Summit. Students who have more than one scheduling conflict with Summit events, including orientation and the debriefing dinner, will be excluded from participating. Their scholarship

will be rescinded and offered to another student. Recipients *must* notify the Summit organizers of any/all scheduling conflicts by December 15.

3. The scholarship recipient must either join a Section or volunteer to serve on one of the Academy's standing committees and/or Section committees in the year following the Summit to demonstrate their investment in the Academy.

### **Application Materials and Submission Deadline**

Applicants may self-nominate and should submit their own application package. It is *not* required that graduate program directors nominate candidates for the scholarship. There is no limit on the number of students who apply from each program. In addition to the ACJS Doctoral Summit [online application](#), the following materials should be submitted in order as one pdf file to Dr. Deeanna Button at [deeanna.button@stockton.edu](mailto:deeanna.button@stockton.edu) by **October 15 2020**. Files should be saved as last name, first initial (e.g., Button, D.). Please look for a confirmation of receipt within 48 business hours.

- Cover letter of no more than 500 words
- One letter of recommendation
- Current curriculum vitae
- Current official or unofficial transcript

### **Scholarship Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed by the ACJS Doctoral Summit organizers. Each applicant will receive a separate score for their cover letter, recommendation letter, and curriculum vitae. Applicants with the highest scores will be invited to participate. The following criteria will be used in the scoring process:

- Minimum 3.5 GPA requirement
- Cover letter (500-word limit):
  - General indication of desire to participate in the Summit
  - Discussion of how the Summit will help with professional development, networking, teaching responsibilities, service opportunities, and/or research abilities
  - Indication of the participant's interest in joining a Section or volunteering to serve on one of the Academy's standing committees and/or Section committees
- Recommendation letter:
  - Generally positive review
  - Review of the student's academic, scholarship, and/or leadership achievements

### **Important Dates**

<b>June 15</b>	First Call for Applications	<b>December 15</b>	Deadline to Accept Award
<b>August 15</b>	Second Call for Applications	<b>January 15</b>	Final Roster Announced
<b>September 15</b>	Final Call for Applications	<b>January 22</b>	Deadline to Report Conflicts
<b>October 15</b>	Deadline to Apply	<b>January 29</b>	Reading and Roommate List
<b>December 1</b>	Notification of Award	<b>March 24-28</b>	ACJS San Antonio, TX

Please contact **Deeanna Button** at [deeanna.button@stockton.edu](mailto:deeanna.button@stockton.edu) with any questions.