2023 ACJS Awards and Selection Criteria

Please Note: The following require membership with ACJS. If you are not a current member of ACJS, you can JOIN here. If you need to RENEW your membership, please sign into your ACJS membership account and click the hyperlinked expired member notice at the top of the page.

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Awards Committee Chair, Claire Renzetti, Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu
Awards Committee Deputy Chair, Gaylene Armstrong, garmstrong@unomaha.edu

Bruce Smith, Sr. Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Daniel Mears, dmears@fsu.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

In recognition of outstanding contributions to criminal justice as an academic or professional endeavor. Award recipients are expected to attend the ACJS Annual Meeting and to make a presentation on their research at that meeting. Membership in the Academy is not a requirement. Prior recipients of the Bruce Smith Sr. Award are not eligible for nomination.

1. Demonstration of leadership in the administration of criminal justice as an academic and/or professional discipline in a manner which reflects the highest standards of integrity and performance.
2. Active involvement in criminal justice research or other endeavors which have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge in criminal justice.

Academy Fellow Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: George Higgins, George.higgins@ucdenver.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

For a distinguished contribution to justice education and scholarship. Prior recipients of the Academy Fellow Award are not eligible for nomination.

1. Be a distinguished contributor to criminal justice education.
2. Scholarly achievement in the faculty member's discipline. Includes, but is not limited to, books, articles, reviews, technical reports, grants, or papers to scholarly associations.
3. Professional contributions to the Academy. Includes active participation or leadership in the Academy through workshops, conferences, panels, or offices.
4. Other recognitions to include: awards; fellowships; visiting lecture/professor; and office holder in state, regional, national, or international societies.
5. Minimum of five (5) years teaching courses on crime and/or criminal justice.
6. Active member in good standing of ACJS for at least five (5) consecutive years.
**Academy Founder's Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Holly Miller, holly.miller@unf.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

For outstanding service to ACJS and the profession. Prior recipients of the Academy Founder's Award are not eligible for nomination.
1. Active member in good standing of ACJS for at least five (5) consecutive years.
2. Active involvement in criminal justice education and research for the preceding five (5) years.
3. Through service activities, has made a substantial contribution to the Academy and to the discipline of criminal justice.

**Outstanding Book Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Gaylene Armstrong, garmstrong@unomaha.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

In recognition of the best book published in the area of criminal justice.
1. Extraordinary contribution to the study of crime and criminal justice.
2. Book must be published within three (3) calendar years prior to the meeting at which the award will be given.
3. In general, edited books, textbooks, and serials are not eligible. Exceptions can be made for books that offer a new theoretical framework or otherwise make a significant advance in scholarship.
4. A book may be considered no more than twice for the award.
5. Edited volumes which include previously published works are not eligible for the book award.
6. At least one author must be a member of ACJS at the time the book is nominated.

Nominations for the Outstanding Book Award are restricted to members of the Academy. Individuals who are involved in the production of a book, or who have a financial interest in it, may not nominate that book for this award.
7. Nominators should arrange for a copy of the nominated book to be sent to all members of the Outstanding Book Award Subcommittee:
   Gaylene Armstrong, University of Nebraska, Omaha
   Tara Shelley, Tarleton University
   Michelle Harris, University of Texas, Dallas

**Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Yuliya Zabyelina, yzabyelina@jjay.cuny.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

The award for the dissertation selected will include a $300 stipend, and the dissertation will be eligible for consideration to be published as a Routledge Monograph. Nominations must include
a carefully edited, electronic copy of the dissertation. For the outstanding criminal justice-related dissertation.

1. Relevancy of research problem.
2. Quality of theoretical orientation.
3. Rigor of empirical and/or qualitative research and documentation.
4. Quality of writing.
5. Dissertations must have been completed within two years of nomination.

Department chairs and faculty mentors are invited to encourage doctoral students and beginning faculty members to submit their dissertations for consideration.

**ACJS Minority Mentorship Grant Award**: The deadline for Nominations is November 15, 2022.

Nominations sent to: Carlos Posadas, cposadas@nmsu.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

The ACJS Minority Mentorship Grant Award was created to provide opportunities for mentorship of minority doctoral students or junior faculty by senior criminal justice professors at the same or another institution within the ACJS organization. The goal is to facilitate a mentoring relationship between new or junior faculty and senior faculty to facilitate the former's professional development for a productive criminal justice academic career. The Awardee will receive an award check and a certificate. The Mentee will receive a certificate.

The ACJS Minority Mentorship Grant Award of $1,000 can be used for expenses of the mentor involved in working with the mentee, such as telephone, postage, travel, honorarium, or other training expenses needed to develop a focused program of mentorship. Applications should be submitted by the mentor with the agreement of a designated mentee who has agreed in writing to be mentored for one year.

To be eligible for an award, the mentor applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. A member of ACJS at the time of application.
2. A senior faculty member (full professor).
3. Demonstrated excellence in teaching.
4. Established record of scholarship productivity in criminal justice.
5. Currently teaching in a CRJ/CRIM department at a regionally accredited institution of higher education [may be at the same or different institution than the mentee].
6. Commitment to provide a one-year program of active mentorship to the mentee.
7. Submitted a complete electronic application by the due date.

To be eligible for an award, the mentee must meet the following criteria:

1. A member of ACJS at the time of application.
2. A member of an under-represented racial/ethnic minority group in the criminal justice/criminology discipline.
3. Doctoral student or junior faculty member.
4. Written commitment to a one-year program of active mentorship.
Applications must be provided electronically to the subcommittee chair by the established due date. To be eligible for the award, an applicant (potential mentor) must submit:

1. Coversheet with the following information for both the applicant and the proposed mentee:
   a. Name
   b. Statement regarding ACJS membership
   c. Current academic rank/position
   d. Race/ethnicity/
   e. Institution
   f. Street and e-mail address
   g. Telephone and fax numbers

2. 3-5 page, single-spaced narrative addressing:
   a. Applicant's background and academic experience
   b. Description of work and research experience
   c. Short-term objectives with measurable outcomes (for example abstract or manuscript submissions, proposal development) for the period of mentorship award (one-year)
   d. Description of how the mentorship award will meet short-term and long-term objectives
   e. Compatibility of the applicant's previous work with the mentee's interests and professional goals

3. Mentoring work plan which should include:
   a. Description of the activities to be undertaken with the mentee
   b. Timeline
   c. Brief (1-page) budget and justification for the mentoring experience

4. Letter of support from mentee stating commitment to the mentorship

5. Letter of support from mentee's doctoral advisor (if relevant)

**Donal MacNamara Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Walter DeKeseredy, wsdekeseredy@wvu.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

The MacNamara Award for Outstanding Journal Publication was created by a donation to ACJS from Dr. Donal MacNamara, one of the Academy of Criminal Justice founding scholars. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding scholarship published in one of the publication venues of the Academy (Justice Quarterly, Journal of Criminal Justice Education, and ACJS Today). Articles must:

1. Constitute a scholarly approach to the topic.
2. Present a thoughtful analysis.
3. Present insights or a novel treatment of the topic.
4. Constitute a meaningful addition to the literature.
5. Have been published in the issues of the three ACJS publications between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022 (as delineated by policy as the timeframe for the award).
Individual nominations are not necessary for the MacNamara award because all articles published in the three ACJS venues will automatically be considered.

**Academy New Scholar Award**: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Claire Nolesco, cnolasco@tamusa.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

The Academy New Scholar Award recognizes outstanding scholarly contributions to the student of crime and/or criminal justice by someone who has received their most recent doctoral degree within the past six years. Scholarly contributions include, but are not limited to, books, articles, book chapters, reviews, technical reports, grants, or papers to scholarly associations.

To be eligible for this award, the person must be nominated by at least one other member of the Academy and must submit a current vita for review. In addition, the applicant at the time of nomination must be a current member of ACJS and an untenured faculty member.

To apply, submit to the Academy New Scholar Award Chair the following:
1. Nomination(s) by current ACJS member(s).
2. Current vita.
3. Up to four works (articles, book, etc., as described above) for review by the Committee.

**Academy Leadership and Innovation Award**: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Michele Bratina, Region 1 (Northeast) Trustee, mbratina@wcupa.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

Nominations of practitioners are being accepted for the new ACJS Leadership and Innovator Award. Practitioners are individuals employed in a professional capacity in the criminal justice system, related and ancillary programs, services, and agencies such as victim services, juvenile justice, case management and treatment, drug/alcohol and mental health services, and community coalitions, as well as research, government, or public service.

This award will be given in recognition of a practitioner whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system, with a commitment to improving the criminal justice system. These contributions may include program development, policy implementation, education, training, direct services, research, and legislative action.

To be eligible for this award, the candidate shall have:
1. Been an outstanding leader and innovator in a professional capacity.
2. Demonstrated commitment to improving the criminal justice system.
3. Contributed to criminal justice or related programs, relevant policies, or community development.
4. Provided exemplary professional service to his or her organization.
5. Candidate must be from the region in which the annual meeting is being held.
Nominees need not be ACJS members. Regional Organizations affiliated with ACJS and ACJS members may nominate a practitioner for this award by submitting a letter of nomination. The nomination letters shall include the nominees’ full contact information, resume, and rationale for the nomination. The winner of this award is expected to attend the ACJS Annual Meeting and will receive a $600 travel stipend.

**ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards (Non-Competitive):** The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Stephanie Mizrahi, smizrahi@csus.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

These outstanding mentors will be honored in recognition of their excellence in the role of student/faculty mentor as evidenced by their willingness and commitment to foster the professional growth and achievement of students and faculty.

All members of ACJS are invited to nominate candidates for these special noncompetitive honors. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and recognize a faculty member (current or retired) who, in your judgment, deserves acknowledgment as an outstanding mentor.

Award Criteria: To be eligible, the outstanding mentor shall be a current member of ACJS and shall have:

1. Served as an outstanding role model in a professional capacity in teaching, research, and service;
2. Demonstrated commitment to the career goals of the mentee(s);
3. Contributed to the professional development of the mentee(s);
4. Encouraged graduate student involvement in professional opportunities, supporting graduate students and junior faculty membership in professional organizations, and nurturing graduate students and junior faculty contributions to professional organizations; and
5. Provided exemplary academic and professional service to graduate student and junior faculty members.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Nominees must be current members of ACJS. (All current ACJS members are listed in the ACJS online membership directory.) Nominators do not have to be current members of ACJS.
2. Nominators may be mentees of the nominee or colleagues who have personal knowledge of the nominee’s mentoring efforts and accomplishments. Self-nominations shall not be accepted.
3. Nominations must be based on either having been mentored by the nominee or personal observation of mentoring provided to others by the nominee.
4. Nominations shall be provided by a formal letter summarizing the mentor's influence on students and colleagues. The letter should provide specific information about the
deserving nature of the nominee's mentoring, rather than focusing on the nominee's other professional accomplishments.

5. The nomination letter shall include the nominee’s full contact information. Prior recipients of the ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards are ineligible for future awards.

**Ken Peak Innovations in Teaching Award**: The deadline for Nominations is October 14, 2022. Nominations sent to: Lauren Sabon, copley@uark.edu Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

**Purpose**: The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor criminal justice and criminology faculty members for innovative teaching methods. The goal is to identify, acknowledge, and disseminate innovation in relation to learning and teaching; therefore, the focus of the nomination should be clearly evidenced by specific practices that are replicable and effective.

**Eligibility**: The nominee must be: (1) a full-time faculty appointment (i.e., lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, professor) in a criminal justice department or program; (2) a member in good standing of ACJS; and (3) teaching courses in criminology or criminal justice at a regionally accredited, post-secondary institution. Nominees who meet the above criteria may be at any point in their career and can be either self-nominated or recommended by an academic colleague. Previous recipients are not eligible. Award recipient(s) are expected to attend the ACJS Annual Meeting and participate in the SAGE/ACJS Professional Development Teaching Workshop and present their innovative teaching method at the Workshop.

**Award amount**: $3,000 per awardee

**Number of Awardees**: 1-2

**Submission of Materials**: To assist the award committee, please provide the following information:

- **Project Description**: In 100 words or less, briefly describe the innovative teaching method being placed in nomination.

- **Significance**: In 400 words or less, describe how the instructional method uniquely increases student learning and engagement while departing from other methods. Include any creative features and originality of this approach.

- **Innovation**: In 500 words or less, describe how this instructional approach was actually applied in the classroom. (This method may include, but is not limited to, the use of new instructional strategies, the use of traditional strategies in creative ways, the development and creation of innovative teaching materials, unique pedagogical applications of technologies, novel approaches to instruction, and innovative ways to engage students in the learning process).
Outcomes: In 500 words or less, please describe how the method was measured and determined to be effective and efficacious in enhancing student learning (student comments or course evaluations would be helpful but are not required).

Replication and Adaptation: In 500 words or less, describe the potential for others to adopt, adapt, or replicate the innovation, including a discussion of how the innovation might be used in other settings, in which type(s) of course(s), and the resources required. Preference will be given to innovations that have the potential for replication beyond a single academic course.

SAGE Editor’s Note: This award is made possible by a generous donation from renowned author, academic, and practitioner, Ken Peak, coauthor of Introduction to Criminal Justice: Practice and Process with SAGE Publishing. Ken Peak is an emeritus professor and former chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno, where he was named “Teacher of the Year” by the university’s Honor Society. Following four years as a municipal police officer in Kansas, he subsequently held positions as a nine-county criminal justice planner for southeast Kansas; director of a four-state technical assistance institute for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (based at Washburn University in Topeka); director of university police at Pittsburg State University (Kansas); acting director of public safety, University of Nevada, Reno; and assistant professor of criminal justice at Wichita State University. As of 2018 he had authored or co-authored 36 textbooks, two historical books (on Kansas temperance and bootlegging), and more than 60 journal articles and invited book chapters. He is past chair of the Police Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and past president of the Western Association of Criminal Justice.

William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Carrie Buist, buistrcar@gvstu.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

The award for the paper selected will include a $500 stipend. Nominations must include a carefully edited, electronic copy of the paper. For the outstanding paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
1. Conceptual and methodological rigor in the development of the thesis and its subsequent empirical or logical documentation.
2. Theoretical or pragmatic relevance of the thesis and its importance to the developing body of knowledge for criminal justice.
3. Formal organization of material, flow of ideas, and clarity of narrative.

SAGE Jr. Faculty Professional Development Teaching Awards: The deadline for Nominations is October 14, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Chip Burns, r.burns@tcu.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu
These awards provide deserving junior faculty with travel reimbursement scholarships of $700 to participate in the Annual Meeting and to attend the ACJS Teaching Workshop. Up to four (4) awards will be given.

1. To be eligible for this award, the applicant must:
   2. Be a current ACJS member at the time of application.
   3. Have received their most recent graduate degree with the past 5 years.
   4. Have taught full-time for less than 5 years. There is no limit on part-time teaching experience.
   5. Be currently teaching in a criminal justice/criminology program at a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
   6. Be an untenured faculty member or doctoral-level teaching assistant.
   7. Have submitted a complete electronic application by the due date.

The application must demonstrate that the applicant:
1. Has clearly identified needs for teaching improvement.
2. Has clearly identified strengths as a teacher.
3. Has a well-developed teaching improvement agenda with specific plans.
4. Has clearly identified strategies/ideas that can be shared with other participants in the Teaching Workshop.
5. Clearly expresses the manner in which sharing ideas and refining them will benefit the teaching of Workshop participants.
6. Expresses a clear interest in teaching and improvement of teaching.
7. Is articulate in the presentation of application materials.
8. Has a demonstrated commitment to attendance at ACJS as a means to facilitate professional development in their areas of teaching competence.
9. Clearly states the need for the award.
10. Has a clearly delineated itemized budget.

**Dorothy Bracey/Janice Joseph Minority and Women New Scholar Award**

**Deadline: October 15, 2022**

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Affirmative Action Committee is accepting applications for one award to recognize outstanding academic contributions by new minority and female scholars in honor of the first female and racial minority ACJS Presidents. The award will be $1,000.

**Eligibility:**
To be eligible for this award, the applicant must meet the following criteria:
1. Be a woman or a member of a group that has experienced historical discrimination.
2. Be a current member of ACJS.
3. Have obtained a Ph.D. within the past seven (7) years.
4. Demonstrated a strong record as a new scholar in the areas of research, teaching, and service.
5. Not previously received this award.

**Application Process:**
1. Submit a letter of application describing eligibility for the award.
2. Submit an abbreviated curriculum vitae that highlights achievements in the areas of
All application materials should be sent to:
Moe Miller  
California State University, Fullerton  
moemiller@fullerton.edu  
Affirmative Action Committee Chair

Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

Student Scholarship Mini-Grant Travel Awards for People of Color and Women
Deadline: October 15, 2022

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Affirmative Action Committee is accepting applications for two mini-grants targeted to racial/ethnic minority and women students for the purpose of promoting the involvement of all minority groups in the Academy. These grants will permit students to attend and present a research paper at the ACJS Annual Meeting in 2022. Each award will be for a maximum of $600. Recipients are required to submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses. While a nominee may submit a single paper for multiple awards, a single paper may only be the basis for one ACJS scholarship award in a given year.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the award, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a woman or a member of a racial/ethnic group that has experienced historical discrimination.
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate, master’s, or doctoral program of criminal justice/criminology program during some part of the academic year for the Annual Meeting at which the presentation will be made.
3. The applicant must have submitted a proposal for a paper presentation for the Annual Meeting on the ACJS website by the due date.
4. The applicant must be willing and able to attend the Annual Meeting and present the paper described in the website submission.
5. The paper can be self-submitted by the applicant student or submitted on the student’s behalf by a faculty member.
6. The paper submitted by the applicant may be co-authored with a faculty member; however, the student must be the first author and presenter.

Application Process:

1. Submit a letter of application.
2. Submit one hard copy and one electronic copy of either:
   A. A completed manuscript examining a criminal justice/criminological issue. Papers may be theoretical or describe a qualitative or quantitative research project. Completed papers should be no more than 30 pages in length. OR
   B. A proposal that outlines a paper as described in 2.A. above that the applicant will present at the ACJS annual meeting for which the mini-grant will be given. This
A proposal should be a maximum of 10 pages, double-spaced, typed. It should discuss (a) the nature of the research topic, (b) why the research is important, and where relevant, (c) the methods used, (d) the findings of the research, and (e) the theoretical, methodological, and/or policy implications of the results.

3. Proof of the student’s current enrollment and program of study.
4. Evidence that the student’s abstract has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting.
5. Documentary evidence that the student will be attending the annual meeting and present the paper cited above (photocopy of airline tickets, and/or hotel reservations).

All application materials should be sent to:
Moe Miller
California State University, Fullerton
moemiller@fullerton.edu
Affirmative Action Committee Chair

Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

Papers will be reviewed by a panel of ACJS Affirmative Action Committee members for organization, clarity of presentation, and quality of the theoretical/methodological work. Notification of mini-grant awards will be given in December 2022.

2023 ACJS Student Scholarship Awards
Deadline: December 1, 2022

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ Student Affairs Committee is accepting nominations for the ACJS Student Scholarship Awards. Two students (one at the Masters level and another at the Ph.D. level) will receive funding in the amount of $600 each to apply towards travel to the annual ACJS conference. The award is to support meritorious scholarship by students (as evidenced by the paper the student will present) and to enable them to present their research at the Annual Meeting. The student need not have the recommendation of a faculty member in order to be considered. Self-nominations are welcome. While a nominee may submit a single paper for multiple awards, a single paper may only be the basis for one ACJS scholarship award in a given year.

Nominations shall include:
1. A letter of nomination including a statement that the paper is authored or co-authored by students. (Papers cannot be co-authored with a faculty member.)
2. One electronic copy of the paper.
3. Proof of the student's current enrollment.
4. Evidence that the student's paper has been accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
5. Documentary evidence that the student will be attending the Annual Meeting and present the paper cited above (photocopy of airline tickets, and/or hotel reservations).

6. Other letters of support of the nomination may be submitted.

All papers and nomination materials should be submitted to:
Veronica Herrara
California State University, Fullerton
veherrera@fullerton.edu
Student Affairs Committee Chair

Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

ACJS National Criminal Justice Month Awards
Deadline: October 31, 2022

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ National Criminal Justice Month Committee is accepting nominations for awards in recognition of National Criminal Justice Month events. Three plaques will be awarded to academic departments, schools, colleges, and/or universities for National Criminal Justice Month celebrations that focus on education and community engagement, as well as an overall program of the year award. Efforts will be made to highlight the award winners on the ACJS website as well as in ACJS Today. For more information on National Criminal Justice Month please visit: http://www.acjs.org/page/NationalCJMonth

Education Award
The intent of this award is to recognize a National Criminal Justice Month event for the educational impact on students and the community. Applications will be assessed on the relevancy and quality of the event, as well as the impact of the event (e.g., number of people in attendance). One winning department will be selected for this award.

Community Engagement Award
The intent of this award is to recognize a National Criminal Justice Month event that meaningfully engages the community on criminal justice issues and topics. Successful events will typically include student engagement with a local criminal justice agency. One winning department will be selected for this award.

Program of the Year
The intent of this award is to recognize an academic department that successfully showcases a range of National Criminal Justice Month events. Departments that actively engage in several varied National Criminal Justice Month events will be considered. One winning department will be selected for this award.
Eligibility:
1. The person submitting the application must be a current member of ACJS.
2. The event(s) must have taken place during the month of March 2019 (National Criminal Justice Month).

Application Process*:
1. Submit a letter of application describing the National Criminal Justice Month event(s). The narrative of the letter should address the background of the academic department and provide a full description of the event in the context of the award category.
2. Submit any supplement material to support the application. Examples include pictures, video links, survey results, and letters of support from local criminal justice agencies.

*Applications may be made for each of the three awards, but departments are only eligible to win one award per year.

Application materials should be submitted to:
Andrea Walker
Clarkson College
walkerandrea@clarksoncollege.edu
National Criminal Justice Month Committee Chair

Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

NEW AWARD: Academy Criminal Justice Agency or Non-Profit Organization Leadership and Innovation Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2022.
Nominations sent to: Cassandra L. Reyes, creyes@wcupa.edu
Copy nomination to: Claire Renzetti, claire.renzetti@uky.edu

Criminal justice agencies and non-profit organizations include agencies such as corrections, police, victim services, juvenile justice, case management and treatment, drug/alcohol and mental health services, and community coalitions, as well as research, government, or public service, along with related and ancillary programs, and services.

This award will be given in recognition of a criminal justice agency or non-profit organization whose work has had a direct, positive, and significant effect on the criminal justice system, with a commitment to improving the criminal justice system. These contributions may include community outreach, program development, policy implementation, education, training, direct services, research, and legislative action.

To be eligible for this award, the candidate shall have:
1. Been an outstanding agency or non-profit organization and innovator in or related to the criminal justice system.
2. Demonstrated commitment to improving the criminal justice system.
3. Contributed to criminal justice or related programs, relevant policies, or community development.
4. Provided exemplary service to its community.
5. The agency or non-profit organization is located within the region the Annual Meeting is being held and the award will be received.

Nominees need not be institutional ACJS members. Regional Organizations affiliated with ACJS and ACJS members may nominate a criminal justice agency or non-profit organization for this award by submitting a letter of nomination. The nomination letters shall include the nominees’ full contact information and rationale for the nomination. The winner of this award is expected to send an agency or organizational representative to the ACJS Annual Meeting and will receive a $600 travel stipend.

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