ACJS Bruce Smith, Sr. Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023. Nominations sent to: Cassia Spohn, cassia.spohn@asu.edu Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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. For outstanding contributions to criminal justice as an academic and/or professional endeavor.

2. Active involvement in criminal justice 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, 2023.
Nominations sent to: Jennifer Peck, Jennifer.Peck@ucf.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@Unomaha.edu

Prior recipients of the Academy Fellow Award are not eligible for nomination.

1. For a distinguished contribution to justice education and scholarship.
2. Active member in good standing of ACJS for at least five (5) consecutive years prior to being recommended.
3. 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.
4. Professional contributions to the Academy includes: active participation or leadership in the Academy through workshops, conferences, panels, or offices.
5. Other recognitions to include: awards, fellowships, visiting lecture/professor, office holder in state, regional, national, or international societies.
6. Minimum of five (5) years teaching courses on crime and/or criminal justice.
Academy Founder’s Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023. Nominations sent to: Peter Benekos, PBenekos@emeritus.mercyhurst.edu Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

Prior recipients of the Academy Founder's Award are not eligible for nomination.

1. For outstanding service to ACJS and the profession.
2. Active member in good standing of ACJS for at least the five (5) past consecutive years prior to being recommended.
3. Through service activities, has made a substantial contribution to the Academy and to the discipline of criminal justice.
**Academy New Scholar Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023. Nominations sent to: Jacinta Gau, Jgau@ucf.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

The Academy New Scholar Award recognizes outstanding scholarly contributions to the study of crime and/or criminal justice by someone who has received his/her most recent doctoral degree within the past six (6) 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:
1. Nomination(s) by at least one (1) other member(s) of the Academy.
2. Submit current vita for review by the subcommittee.
3. Submit up to four works (articles, book, book chapters etc.) for review by the subcommittee. Please batch nominations for the nominee from colleagues at the same institution into one nomination packet, if possible.
4. Be a current member of ACJS and an untenured faculty member.
**Outstanding Book Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023. Nominations sent to: Danielle Rudes, dsr035@shsu.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, garmstrong@unomaha.edu

**In recognition of the best book published in the area of criminal justice.**
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. The nominee should:

1. Make an 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. Edited volumes which include previously published works are not eligible for the book award.
4. In general, textbooks are not eligible for the book award. Exceptions can be made for textbooks that offer a new theoretical framework or otherwise make a significant advance in scholarship. The Chair of the Awards Committee will decide if a textbook meets this requirement.
5. If the number of nominated books exceeds six (6), the Awards Committee Chair will have the discretion of selecting the six (6) most promising books for consideration by the Book Award Subcommittee.
6. To be considered for the book award, the publisher, nominator, or author must provide complimentary copies of the books to all members of the Book Award Subcommittee. If a book is not reviewed after being nominated, any copies of the book will be returned to the publisher or original source.
7. Nominations for the ACJS 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.
8. All nominated books must have at least one author who is an ACJS member at the time the book is nominated.

Nominators **must** arrange for a copy of the nominated book to be sent to all members of the Outstanding Book Award Subcommittee:

Danielle Rudes*  dsr035@shsu.edu
Angela Taylor  ataylo14@uncfsu.edu
Janice Iwama  iwama@american.edu
2024 ACJS Student Scholarship Awards

Deadline: October 31, 2023

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ Student Affairs Committee is accepting nominations for the ACJS Student Scholarship Awards. Two students (one at the Master’s 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 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 each 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:

Angela Taylor, Student Affairs Committee Chair
Fayetteville State University
Ataylo14@uncfsu.edu

Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu
**Academy Leadership and Innovation Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023.
Nominations sent to: Ming-Li Hsieh (Region 3 Trustee), HSIEHM@uwec.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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. ACJS will recognize the Awardee at its annual ceremony during the ACJS Annual Meeting. The Awardee will receive a plaque, a $600 monetary award, and one year membership in ACJS.
**Academy Criminal Justice Agency or Non-Profit Organization Leadership and Innovation Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023.

Nominations sent to: Ming-Li Hsieh, HSIEHM@uwec.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.
Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023.
Nominations sent to: Kate Fox, katefox@asu.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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 award, the following criteria are considered:

1. Relevancy of research problem.
2. Quality of theoretical orientation.
3. Rigor of empirical and/or logical documentation.
4. Quality of writing.
5. Dissertations must have been completed within two years of nomination.
**Donal MacNamara Award:** The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023. Nominations sent to: Daniel Martinez, mada0102@arizona.edu Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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, 2022 and August 31, 2023 (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.
**William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award**: The deadline for Nominations is August 1, 2023. Nominations sent to: Sadaf Hashimi, shashimi@unomaha.edu Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

The award for the paper selected will include a $500 stipend. Nominations must include a carefully edited, electronic copy of the paper.

1. Award is for the outstanding paper presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
2. Conceptual and methodological rigor in the development of the thesis and its subsequent empirical or logical documentation.
3. Theoretical or pragmatic relevance of the thesis and its importance to the developing body of knowledge for criminal justice.
4. Formal organization of material, flow of ideas, and clarity of narrative.
Dorothy Bracey/Janice Joseph Minority and Women New Scholar Award

Deadline: October 13, 2023
Nominations sent to: Schannae L. Lucas, sllucas@callutheran.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Affirmative Action Committee will decide 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.
6. Be willing and able to attend the Annual Meeting.

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 research, teaching, and service (6 pages maximum).
3. Submit two reference letters supporting the applicant’s nomination. At least one of the references should be obtained from an academic in the discipline.
Ken Peak Innovations in Teaching Award:
The deadline for Nominations is on or before October 16, 2023.
Nominations sent to: Trisha Rhodes, trhodes@unomaha.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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.
SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Awards:
The Deadline for Nominations is October 16, 2023.
Nominations sent to: Ahram Cho, acho@nmsu.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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.

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

The deadline for nominations is October 13, 2023.
Nominations sent to: Alida Merlo, amerlo@iup.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.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)
**ACJS National Criminal Justice Month Awards**

Deadline: October 31, 2023  
Nominations sent to: Angela Gover, Angela.Gover@ucdenver.edu  
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

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](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.*
**ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards:** The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2023. 
Nominations sent to: Leana Bouffard, lab17@iastate.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

The ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards honor outstanding mentors who, during the course of their career, have made a significant contribution to the professional development of graduate students and junior faculty members in criminal justice. 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. **The award will be limited to three (3) recipients;** however, strong consideration will be given to those nominees who have letters submitted on their behalf which demonstrate and articulate a level of commitment, dedication, and support which go above and beyond the normal expectation of a faculty member in their job role.

All members of ACJS are invited to nominate candidates. 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 long-term and ongoing 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. Letters from Nominators who may have been mentees of the nominee will be strongly considered.
3. Nominators may also be colleagues who have personal and specific knowledge of the nominee’s outstanding mentoring efforts and accomplishments.
4. Self-nominations shall not be accepted.
5. Nominations must be based on either having been mentored by the nominee or personal observation of mentoring provided to others by the nominee.
6. 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, which provides evidence of exceptional efforts, rather than focusing on the nominee's other professional accomplishments.
7. The nomination letter shall include the nominee’s full contact information.
8. Prior recipients of the ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards are ineligible for future awards. Starting in 2024, recipients of the Outstanding Mentor Awards are re-eligible after receipt of this award.
9. Please batch nominations for the nominee from colleagues at the same institution into one nomination packet, if possible.
Student Scholarship Mini-Grant Travel Awards for People of Color and Women

Deadline: October 13, 2023
Nominations sent to: Schannae L. Lucas, slucas@callutheran.edu
Copy nomination to: Gaylene Armstrong, GArmstrong@unomaha.edu

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 2024. Each award will be for a maximum of $600. Recipients also receive complimentary two-year ACJS Student membership. 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 each 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 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).

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 2023.