

2020 ACJS Awards and Selection Criteria

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2020 ACJS Academy Awards

Deadline for all ACJS Academy Awards is August 15, 2019, unless otherwise specified.

Bruce Smith, Sr. Award:

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 endeavor which has made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge in criminal justice.

Academy Fellow Award

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.

Academy Founder's Award:

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

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.

The William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award

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 2018 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.

The Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award

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 ACJS Minorities 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 Minorities 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 sub-committee 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 MacNamara Award for Outstanding Journal Publication was created by a donation to ACJS from Dr. Donal MacNamara, one of 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*).

1. Articles must 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. Articles published in the issues 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 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

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.

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 travel award, and one year membership in ACJS.

ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards *(Non-Competitive)*:

ACJS will 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 the recipient's 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.

SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award

Deadline: October 15, 2019

The Award Application is available [here](#).

In recognition of significant promise as a teacher this travel reimbursement award is given to defray expenses in attending the ACJS Professional Development Teaching Workshop and ACJS Annual Meeting. Award recipients are expected to attend the ACJS annual meeting and participate in the ACJS Professional Development Teaching Workshop. Faculty teaching in associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree-granting

institutions are encouraged to apply. In order to be reimbursed for hotel expenses, awardee must stay at the Annual Meeting host hotel.

This award, developed in partnership between SAGE, ACJS, and participating SAGE authors, was created in 2008. Fifteen junior faculty members received SAGE Teaching Awards and attended the first teaching workshop during the ACJS 2009 Annual Meeting in Boston.

2019 Award winners will receive travel reimbursement awards of an amount up to \$700. It is anticipated that at least 10 awards will be given in 2020. The award is funded by an annual donation from SAGE as well as from royalties donated by participating SAGE authors.

To be eligible for an award, the applicant must:

1. Be a current ACJS member at the time of application.
2. Have received most recent graduate degree within the past five years.
3. Have taught full time for less than five 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. Submit a complete electronic application by the due date.

Ken Peak Innovations in Teaching Award

Deadline: October 15, 2019

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 your applications should be clearly evidenced by specific practices that are replicable and effective.

Eligibility: The nominee must be: (1) occupying 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, postsecondary institution. Applicants 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 your 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 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 coauthored 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.

NOTE: *Neither Ken Peak nor employees of SAGE will have influence or input concerning the applications for, or winning of, this award.*

Bryan Lee Miller
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2020 ACJS Historical Mini-Grant Award

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to provide quality documentation of the history of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and related significant milestones in the development of the field of criminal justice.

Rationale: This award will facilitate the systematic documentation of ACJS and criminal justice history. It offers a broad opportunity for ACJS members to enhance their research productivity.

Structure: Proposals are requested for a research project/s of up to \$5,000 over a 12-18 month period to capture a significant aspect of this history. The funds are intended to cover the cost of the research enterprise such as instruments, copies, recordings, transcriptions and travel. Where an award is less than \$5,000, multiple awards, not exceeding the \$5,000 amount for this purpose are possible. Areas of interest for a particular year may be identified by the ACJS Board.

2020 Area of Interest for Mini-Grant: Applicants should focus on quality documentation of the history of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and related significant milestones in the development of the field of criminal justice. The specific area of interest is open.

Application: The application should not exceed three pages, typed, double-spaced, in size 12 font. It must include: a title, the applicant's name and affiliation, the objective of the proposed work, relevant research questions, its significance, the procedures, a timeline, the deliverables, the budget and a dissemination plan.

Persons with limited grant/research experience are advised to identify a senior research mentor and indicate the nature of oversight or support that the senior party will provide toward the applicant's success with the project. An appendix must include the applicant's curriculum vita, and it might include a letter of support from a mentor, instruments and any related documentation, institutional review approval/progress as relevant, and the like.

Application should be submitted by December 16 to Ashley Blackburn at blackburna@uhd.edu.

Deadlines: Applications are due by December 16, 2019; the Historical Mini-Award Committee will make recommendations by February 3, 2020, for ACJS Board approval. Awards will be available in March, 2020.

Eligibility: Applicants must be current ACJS members who hold a graduate degree.

Deliverables: Deliverables must include a summary for *ACJS Today*, although more than one summary or article can be submitted for review. Deliverables must be rendered to the Ashley Blackburn, Executive Board Liaison who has the responsibility of making the work/s accessible. A progress report will be due to Dr. Blackburn at the mid-point of the proposed work. If the author uses the work to publish an article or other manuscript in an outlet other than *ACJS Today*, the author is required to include a notation that the work was funded (whole or in part) by ACJS. Dr. Blackburn should be kept apprised of these additional publications so that a reference or link to the publication can be added to the ACJS website. If authors are submitting their work based on the Historical Mini-Grant Award to another publisher, they should check the publisher's rules carefully for statements regarding whether the work has been published elsewhere; in this case, *ACJS Today*. The authors are cautioned to follow appropriate disclosure practices.

Administration: Ashley Blackburn, Executive Board Liaison will oversee this award. The review of applicants and recommendation of the award(s) will be completed by a Committee of three, chaired by a Trustee-at-Large and two ACJS members as appointed by the ACJS President.

2020 ACJS Student Scholarship Awards

Deadline: October 15, 2019

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:

Nina Barbieri, Student Affairs Committee Chair

University of Houston, Downtown

Barbierin@uhd.edu

2020 ACJS Affirmative Action Awards

Deadline for all ACJS Academy Awards is October 15, 2019, unless otherwise specified.

Minorities and Women Section Esther Madriz Student Travel Awards

The Minorities and Women Section, of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is accepting applications for the Esther Madriz Student Travel Awards. These two student awards are designed to encourage the participation of undergraduate and master's level racial/ethnic minority and women students in the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and will permit two students to attend and make presentations at the 2019 ACJS Annual Meeting. Each award will be a maximum of \$600. Recipients shall be required to submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses.

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

1. Be a member of an under-represented racial/ethnic minority group in the criminal justice/criminology discipline.
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the Annual Meeting at which the presentation will be made; or
3. Be enrolled in a master's degree program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the Annual Meeting at which the presentation will be made.

To be eligible for the award, an applicant must submit:

1. Letter of Application
2. Personal Resume
3. Official Transcript of degree being pursued at the time of submitting the application
4. Faculty Letter of Nomination
5. Original single authored manuscript (4 paper copies). The presentation may be a roundtable, or a research paper session. The paper should not exceed twenty typewritten double-spaced pages using APA format. Each paper will be blindly reviewed by a national committee.

The first and second place authors will receive a maximum of \$600 travel reimbursement for their expenses to attend the ACJS Annual Meeting in 2018. Both the first and second place papers will be presented at a special Student Minorities and Women Section panel. Other papers may be invited to participate on the panel.

All application materials should be sent to:

Kimberly Dodson, dodsonk@uhcl.edu

Minorities and Women Section Roslyn Muraskin Student Travel Awards

The Minorities and Women Section, of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is accepting applications for the Roslyn Muraskin Student Travel Awards. This student award is designed to provide deserving undergraduate and master's level women students with travel scholarships to participate in the Annual meeting and to make a presentation. The award will be a maximum of \$600. Recipient shall be required to submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses.

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

1. Be a woman in the criminal justice/criminology discipline;
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the Annual Meeting at which the presentation will be made; or
3. Be enrolled in a master's degree program of criminal justice/criminology during some part of the academic year for the Annual Meeting at which the presentation will be made.

To be eligible for the award, an applicant must submit:

1. Letter of Application
2. Personal Resume
3. Official Transcript of degree being pursued at the time of submitting the application
4. Faculty Letter of Nomination
5. Original single authored manuscript (4 paper copies). The presentation may be a roundtable, or a research paper session. The paper should not exceed twenty typewritten double-spaced pages using APA format. Each paper will be blindly reviewed by a national committee.

All application materials should be sent to:

Kimberly Dodson, dodsonk@uhcl.edu

Dorothy Bracey/Janice Joseph Minority and Women New Scholar Award

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 research, teaching, and service (six pages maximum).
3. Submit two reference letters supporting the applicant's nomination.

All application materials should be sent to:

Kareem Jordan

American University

jordan@american.edu

Affirmative Action Committee Chair

Affirmative Action Student Scholarship Mini-Grant Travel Awards

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 2020. 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 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:

Kareem Jordan
American University
jordan@american.edu
Affirmative Action Committee Chair

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, 2019.

ACJS National Criminal Justice Month Awards

Deadline: October 31, 2019

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.

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 sent to Jennifer Bourgeois, the National Criminal Justice Month Committee Chair, at Jennifer.W.Bourgeois@lonestar.edu.

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).

2020 ACJS Section Awards

ACJS International Section Awards

The ACJS International Section is seeking nominations for the 2020 **Outstanding Book Award**. The award is given to the author of a book published on any topic relating to the broad areas of international or comparative crime or justice with a formal publishing date in calendar years 2017 to 2019.

Nominations are reviewed by a committee of the International Section. We encourage nominations from publishers, colleagues and authors. Nominations from any country are welcome, but the book must also be published in English. Multiple-authored books are also eligible, but edited books are not. Nominated books for the 2019 award must be received by the committee chair, Yuliya Zabyelina at yzabyelina@jjay.cuny.edu no later than **August 1, 2019**. Copies must be made available to the members of the Book Award committee. The award will be presented at the 2020 ACJS Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Please take note that the Committee has the discretion to limit the number of books it can read and consider based upon time factors, so early submissions are encouraged!

The **Gerhard O.W. Mueller Award** is conferred annually on an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of comparative/international criminal justice spanning the areas of scholarship, leadership, and service. The Award is offered by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences International Section. Nomination requires a letter of nomination and a complete CV to be sent electronically to the Mueller Award Committee chair, Marlyn Jones at marlyn@csus.edu. The letter must explain why the candidate is qualified to be considered for the award. Letter-writing campaigns by multiple nominators are discouraged. The deadline for nominations is **August 1, 2019**. The award will be presented at the International Section's Annual Awards Reception during the 2020 ACJS Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

Deadline for submissions for the ACJS **International Section Graduate Student Paper Award** is **August 1, 2019**. Paper topics must deal with a comparative or international criminal justice issue. Procedures:

1. Submissions must be authored by the submitting student (only). Co-authorships with professors are not accepted.
2. Manuscripts must be submitted as an e-mail attachment in Word or as a .pdf or .rtf file only.
3. Submissions should be accompanied by a cover sheet which includes the author's name, department, university and location, contact information (including e-mail address), whether the author is a master's or doctoral student, and the name and e-mail of a faculty advisor who can be contacted to verify graduate student status.
4. The precise name of the degree program in which the student is enrolled, and anticipated graduation date, must also be included.

The winning paper submission will receive a monetary award of \$250 and be recognized at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in 2020 in San Antonio. Please send submissions electronically to the committee chair, Michele Bratina at MBRATINA@wcupa.edu. Please circulate this announcement to your graduate students.

Police Section Awards

The Police Section of the ACJS confers two awards annually at its general business meeting during the ACJS Annual Meeting. All Police Section members are encouraged to nominate individuals for the following awards. **Nominations are due to Jeffrey Rush, Police Section Chair, by the deadline October 15, 2019.** Email nominations to rushj@troy.edu. Any questions about the awards can be directed to Dr. Rush. Awardees are selected by a committee of at least three Police Section members.

Outstanding Service Award

Awarded to people who are deemed deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contribution to the Police Section. The Police Section Outstanding Service Award was established as an annual award to honor the person who has provided significant service to the Police Section.

O.W. Wilson Award

Given to recognize outstanding contributions to police education, research, and practice. The nominee should be a practitioner, policy maker, researcher, or educator who, over a number of years, has exemplified and supported the following ideals:

1. Quality higher education for the police field.
2. Careful and scientific police research.
3. Cooperation and collaboration among police educators, researchers, policy makers, and practitioners.
4. Effective, equitable, and accountable policing.

The nominee is not required to be a member of the Police Section.

Award Procedures

1. Nominations for each award must be submitted to the Chair of the Police Section by **October 15, 2019**.
2. Nominator must be a current Police Section member.
3. Submission of supporting materials with nominations is encouraged but not required.
4. The nomination is to include a brief summary of the nominee's contributions in accordance with the award criteria; an explanation of the significance of these contributions; and a current vitae or resume of the nominee.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY SECTION TORY J. CAETI MEMORIAL AWARD

The ACJS Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section is seeking nominations for the Tory J. Caeti Memorial Award. This \$1,000 award, sponsored by the faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice at University of North Texas, recognizes the contributions of young scholars to the field of juvenile justice.

Eligible candidates are young academics, who have been out of school for no more than seven years, and who have made significant contributions to the field of juvenile justice. **A letter of nomination and the candidate's resume should be emailed by October 15, 2019 to:**

Marika Dawkins, Chair, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Edinburg Campus
marika.dawkins@utrgv.edu

Questions related to the award should also be directed to Dr. Dawkins at the email above.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY SECTION - STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The ACJS Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section is seeking entries for the annual student paper competition.

Eligibility:

All students currently enrolled full- or part-time in an academic program at the M.A. or Ph.D. level are invited to enter the competition.

Paper/Presentation Requirements:

All students entering the competition are required to present their paper at the Annual Meeting.

Papers must be 15 to 20 pages, typewritten, double-spaced, using a standard format for the organization of papers and citations. Papers will be judged on the following criteria: content, style, quality of writing, and contribution to the field of juvenile justice.

Awards:

Papers in both the M.A. and Ph.D. divisions will receive monetary awards as well as certificates. Students will also be acknowledged at the ACJS Juvenile Justice Section meeting.

To be considered for the competition, the paper must be emailed by October 15, 2019 to:

Marika Dawkins, Chair, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section
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Questions related to the award should also be directed to Dr. Dawkins at the email above.

ACJS MINORITIES AND WOMEN SECTION AWARDS

The ACJS Minority and Women Section Awards Committee is seeking nominations from our membership to be considered for the awards outlined below. Please be proactive in nominating individuals for each award. To nominate a person please send an electronic copy of (1) a letter of support describing why you believe they should be selected for the award and (2) the nominee's vita **by October 15, 2019 to Kimberly Dodson, Chair, Minorities and Women Section at dodsonk@uhcl.edu.**

Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award. To be considered for the highest honor of the Section, Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award, a person must meet the following criteria: an active Member in good standing of the Section for at least 2 consecutive years prior to being recommended. Recipient must be a contributor

to the ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. The recipient must endeavor to advance critical thinking concerning women and must have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge about gender issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award. Recipient must be an active Member in good standing of the Section for at least 2 consecutive years prior to being recommended. Must be committed to ethnic and racial diversity in criminal justice education. The recipient must have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge about gender issues in criminology and criminal justice.

Becky Tatum Excellence Award. To be considered for the Becky Tatum Excellence Award, a person must be an active member in good standing of the Section. Recipient must be committed to conceptual or empirical contributions to the study of minorities as victims, professionals in criminal justice, or offenders.

ACJS VICTIMOLOGY SECTION AWARDS

New Scholar Award. The New Scholar Award recognizes the achievements of a scholar who shows outstanding merit at the beginnings of their career. Outstanding merit may be based on a single book or work, including dissertation or a series of theoretical or research contributions to the area of victimology. Eligibility includes scholars who are active ACJS members and members of the Victimology Section and have held a Ph.D. for less than five years at the time of their nomination.

Please send nominations by October 15, 2019 to: Christina Policastro, christina-policastro@utc.edu.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award. The Outstanding Graduate Student Award recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated significant promise in "making a difference" to the field of victimology. Evidence of their commitment to the field can be illustrated through scholarship, victim advocacy, volunteer work in victim services, or other activities associated with improving the response to victimization. The winner of this award will receive a plaque and a monetary stipend. To be eligible for this award, the candidate must either be currently enrolled or have been enrolled within the past year in an accredited criminal justice, criminology, or related graduate program. A nomination letter must be submitted by a faculty member who is familiar with the candidate's work that summarizes the candidate's contributions to the field of victimology. Once nominated, the candidate must submit a packet that includes his or her vita/resume and a supporting statement of no more than 1,000 words that clearly demonstrates how his or her accomplishments align with the award's criteria. **Please send nominations by October 15, 2019 to: Christina Policastro, christina-policastro@utc.edu.**

Victimology Impact Award. The Victimology Impact Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of victimology, victims' rights, or victim services in the past 12 months by advancing an innovative victim-centered policy or practice via scholarship, policy development or implementation, and/or service to the community. The winner of this award will receive a plaque, a monetary stipend to cover membership dues to ACJS and the Victimology Section and will be invited to serve as the keynote speaker at the Victimology Section's general meeting at the next ACJS Annual Meeting. Nominations can be submitted by a colleague who is familiar with the candidate's work. The nomination letter must articulate in 1,500 words or less how the candidate's accomplishments align with the award's criteria. Once nominated, the candidate must submit a copy of his or her resume/vita. **Please send nominations by October 15, 2019 to: Christina Policastro, christina-policastro@utc.edu.**

ACJS CRITICAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLAR AWARD

Intent of the Award: This award will honor a person for distinguished accomplishments that represent issues related to critical criminal justice through scholarship, teaching, or service across the most recent two-year period.

Eligibility: Nominees for this award need not be a member of ACJS or the Critical Criminal Justice Section 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. He or she should provide evidence of quality scholarship (primarily through publications in quality outlets), excellence teaching on matters that symbolize critical criminal justice, or service/outreach to the community or academy that has had a direct impact on local citizens, criminal justice agencies, etc. Thus, this award is broad in scope such that nominees can have engaged in critical criminal justice scholarship, teaching, or service.

Award: Winners of this award will be recognized at the Section meeting (attached to the 2019 ACJS annual meeting), will receive a plaque, and all efforts will be made to sufficiently showcase the work of winners (e.g. in the Section newsletter, posted on its website, etc.).

To nominate someone for this award, please forward the name of the person whom you are nominating October 15, 2019 to Carla Miller Coates, Chair, ACJS Critical Criminal Justice Section, carla.coates@saintleo.edu, along with a statement about the person's qualifications for the award. Please seek approval from the nominee prior to submitting his/her name for consideration. Forward also to Dr. Coates an updated CV for the nominee.

ACJS CORRECTIONS SECTION AWARDS

Outstanding Student Travel Award - In 2011, the section began awarding the Outstanding Student Travel Award. Students presenting papers at the ACJS annual conference are encouraged to submit their presentations (in PowerPoint format) to the Awards committee for consideration for receipt of the \$500 travel scholarship.

Outstanding Member Award - Criteria for nomination for the Outstanding Member award are: 1) membership in and preferably contribution to the ACJS Corrections Section; and 2) significant research and/or scholarship in the field of corrections. Winners will receive a \$100 cash award, a plaque of recognition, and will be honored at the annual Corrections Section Award meeting. Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged.

John Howard Award - The John Howard Award is given intermittently, upon significant demand, to recognize an individual who has made significant and sustained contributions to the practice of corrections. The nominee MUST have made significant contributions to practice, but also can have made significant contributions in scholarship, teaching, policy, or service. Nominators can make the argument that a nominee's scholarship or work in teaching, policy, or service DID make a significant contribution to practice. This is encouraged. Nominations are accepted every year and the committee will seriously consider all nominees. However, the awarding of this honor is solely at the Committee's discretion and may not be awarded each year. Nominees should send a description of the nominee's contributions, explaining how the nominee meets or exceeds the criteria, along with a copy of the nominee's CV to the Section Chair.

Please send all nominations by **October 15, 2019 to the Chair:** Natalie W. Goulette, ngoulette@uwf.edu.

ACJS LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY SECTION AWARD

Each year the section selects a local criminal justice professional in the location of the ACJS Annual Meeting whose work has been outstanding and innovative within the field of criminal justice. The recipients of the **Law and Public Policy Justice Policy Innovator Award** have been a diverse group of men and women.

Criteria: The Justice Policy Innovator Award recipient shall be a person who has made a significant and recognized contribution to the quality and improvement of criminal justice by implementing legal and/or criminal justice policy innovations. Designees may be citizens acting in civil society, employees and/or administrators of criminal justice agencies, members of the judiciary and/or the legal profession or academicians.

The annual designee is selected by the executive board of the Law & Public Policy Section. **Please send nominations by October 15, 2019 to the Chair: Arthur Garrison, garrison@kutztown.edu.**