

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.