Division of Policing Call for Award Nominations:
Award Descriptions, Requirements, and Application Process

Overview

Since its inception, the Division of Policing has bestowed numerous awards to its members annually: Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished Scholar, Early Career, Outstanding Law Enforcement Practitioner, Outstanding Book, and Outstanding Student Paper. It is time again for the Division to solicit nominations for our 2024 awards. Members wishing to nominate an individual for an award should follow the nomination guidelines and submit application materials to Connie Koski (connie.koski@ndsu.edu).

Avoiding Conflicts of Interest

In addition to the eligibility requirements for each award (listed below), Executive Board and Awards Committee members are not eligible for award consideration and are prohibited from submitting or signing a nomination letter for a nominee.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed to a scholar to recognize their lifetime scholarly achievement in the field of policing. The award is not given for any single research project or study but rather for a body of research developed over one's career. To be bestowed the award the applicant's nomination package should demonstrate a lifetime commitment to high quality scholarly activity and the production of outstanding work that has had a demonstrable impact on the field of policing. The following are the specific requirements for the award and criteria for how nominees will be selected.

Award Criteria

- The nominee should have a record of scholarly activity to include peer-reviewed journal articles, books, final reports and executive summaries, and/or a record of grant/research project activity that has resulted in the generation of knowledge that has influenced the field of policing in meaningful ways.
- The nominee should have a record of working with the practitioner community and the application must be able to demonstrate their influence on the field of law enforcement not just via scholarly output, but also via tangible influence on police policy and practice.
- The application should demonstrate the nominees record of mentoring younger scholars who have gone on to become influential in the field of policing.

Although nominees need not have a record that includes all of the above, the awards committee will consider the breadth of the nominee's achievements against other nominees. Members may not self-nominate. Award decisions will be based on the strength of the nominee's qualifications and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate.

Application Requirements

All nominees' applications must include a current curriculum vitae and a nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above. Where appropriate, numeric tallies for each of the above criteria should be provided.

Distinguished Scholar Award

The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes an established academic/researcher who has held a Ph.D. degree for at least ten years and is in the middle of their career. The outstanding contributions to the field of policing may consist of a single outstanding work, a series of theoretical or research contributions, or the nominee's accumulated scholarly contributions.

Award Criteria

- The nominee must have held a Ph.D. for at least 10 years.
- The application should demonstrate that the single work has made significant contributions to the field of policing if they are being nominated for a single outstanding work.
- The application should demonstrate that the theoretical and research contributions have made significant contributions to the field of policing if they are being nominated for a series of theoretical or research contributions.
- The application should demonstrate outstanding scholarly contributions by noting relevant publications, grant awards, research reports, books, research projects, or other scholarly outputs if they are being nominated for their accumulated scholarly contributions.
- Members may not self-nominate.

Award decisions will be based on the strength of the nominee's qualifications and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate.

Application Requirements

All nominees' applications must include the following materials in order to be considered:

- A current curriculum vitae
- An indication of whether the scholar is being nominated for a single outstanding book or work, a series of theoretical or research contributions, or the nominee's accumulated scholarly contributions
- A nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above
- One or two publications reflecting the nominee's work

Early Career Award

The Early Career Award recognizes outstanding scholarly contributions to the field of policing by someone who has received his or her Ph.D. degree within the last five years. The outstanding contributions to the field of policing may consist of a single outstanding book or work, a series of theoretical or research contributions, or the recipient's accumulated scholarly contributions during the early years of their careers. The following are the specific requirements for the award and criteria for how nominees will be selected.

Award Criteria

- The nominee must have completed a Ph.D. within the past five years.
- The application should demonstrate their outstanding scholarly contributions by noting relevant publications, grant awards, research reports, books, research projects, or other scholarly outputs.
- The application should demonstrate relevant membership and contributions to professional organizations, committees, and/or practitioner organizations.

Although nominees need not have a record that includes all of the above, the awards committee will consider the breadth of the nominee's scholarly output against other nominees. Members may not self-nominate. Award decisions will be based on the strength of the nominee's qualifications and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate.

Application Requirements

- A current curriculum vitae
- A nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above. Where appropriate, numeric tallies for each of the above criteria should be provided
- One or two publications reflecting the nominee's work

Teaching and Mentorship Award

This award honors outstanding achievement in teaching and mentoring among the Division's membership. One award will be given for each of the following categories: a) Faculty members of R1 or Doctoral Programs, and b) Faculty members of non-R1 or Non-Doctoral Programs.

Award Criteria
- Faculty member at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Evidence of excellence in teaching and/or mentorship.
- Excellence in *teaching* can be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to: Proposing/implementing new courses, innovative assignments or teaching methods, advanced pedagogical techniques, innovative or exceptional contributions to department curricular needs, incorporation of research into teaching methods or content.
- Excellence in *mentorship* can be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to: Student mentorship (e.g., publications with students, serving on thesis/dissertation committees), student-centered service, informal mentorship, student advising (formal or informal), career advising.
- Nominations may be made on the basis of teaching or mentorship, though a mixture of the two is preferred.

Application Requirements
- A current curriculum vitae
- A letter of nomination detailing how the nominee demonstrates excellence in teaching and/or mentorship

The Division particularly encourages nominations of Division members who are faculty members at non-R1 institutions and/or in departments without doctoral programs.

Innovation in Policing Award
Formerly the Outstanding Law Enforcement Practitioner Award

This award recognizes a law enforcement practitioner or an individual working in a professional, non-academic position, who has made outstanding contributions to evidence-based policing or who has played an integral role in advancing the field of law enforcement and public safety in innovative ways. This may have been accomplished through a number of methods including but not limited to the following:

- A sustained period of leadership
- Evidence of producing organizational change
- Evidence of leading initiatives that have produced reductions in crime
- Development of partnerships to enhance public safety
- Increasing community participation in public safety
- Collaborative roles with research that have led to significant changes in law
- Implementing major new programs or policies

Application Requirements

All nominees' applications must include a current curriculum vitae and a nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above. Award decisions will be based on the strength of the nominee's qualifications and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate.

Outstanding Book Award

The Outstanding Book in Policing Award recognizes a monograph (not a textbook, anthology, or edited volume) published in the three calendar years preceding the year in which the award is made. The award honors a text that deserves recognition due to its significant empirical, theoretical, or policy-relevant contributions to the field.

Award Criteria
- The nomination must relate to a monograph and not a textbook, anthology or edited volume.
- The award must have been published within three calendar years of the year the award is being made (e.g., for the 2024 Award, the book must have been published in 2021 or later)
- The book must have been published by an academic press or trade publisher.
- The nomination letter must make clear why the book deserves recognition by outlining the contributions that it has made to the field of policing, the specific areas to which it contributes, and its status relative to other works in policing.
- Nominations may not come from a publisher.

Application Requirements
All nominees' applications must include a current curriculum vitae, a nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above, and the book's name and publisher.

Outstanding Student Article Award

The Outstanding student Article Award is given for a single outstanding paper on the topic of policing that was written by a student enrolled in a recognized Ph.D. program. It is required that the paper have been published or accepted for publication in an academic journal.

Award Criteria
- The nominee must be enrolled in a recognized Ph.D. program at the time of submission.
- The paper must have been published in 2023 or 2024 or it must be accepted for publication.
- Co-authored papers may be submitted, yet the nominee must be the first author and must have made significant contributions to the paper.
- The nomination letter must demonstrate why the paper is deserving of the award and the work's outstanding contribution to the field of policing.
- Members may not self-nominate.
- If the paper has multiple authors, co-authors may nominate the lead author.

Application Requirements
- A current curriculum vitae
- A nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above. The letter should note whether the paper has been published or whether it has been accepted for publication. Evidence of acceptance for publication should be included if the paper has not yet been published.
- If the paper is co-authored, the nomination letter must discuss each author's contribution to the work.
- A copy of the paper

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Any Division of Policing member who completed their doctoral dissertation in 2023 or 2024 can be nominated for this award. We wish to acknowledge dissertations with a strong potential impact in the policing field.

Award Criteria

- The application should demonstrate an especially high-quality dissertation, with elements of originality, analytical skills, and provide a significant contribution to the policing field.
- The work should be well-written and well-organized and, where relevant, should incorporate reference to both theory and empirical evidence.
- Members may not self-nominate.

Award decisions will be based on the strength of the nominee's qualifications and not on the number of nomination endorsements received for any particular candidate.

Application Requirements

All nominees' applications must include the following materials in order to be considered:

- A dissertation narrative that is no more than 750 words outlining the following elements: (a) research question(s); (b) methods and data used; (c) analytic strategy; (d) findings; (e) theoretical/ research/ practical conclusions.
- A current curriculum vitae
- A nomination letter addressing each of the award criteria noted above.

Student Travel Award

The Division is dedicated to assisting students with the cost of attending the ASC Annual Meeting, permitting the availability of funds. Awardees of the Student Travel Award will be chosen from the students who have submitted abstracts for presentation at ASC. In 2024, the Division will be making at least two awards of $500 each.

Award Criteria
- Current ASC Division of Policing Student Member at the time of abstract submission
- A currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student at the time of the ASC conference
- The student is the lead author (and presenter) of the submission

Application Requirements
Applications should include:

- Name
- Year of study
- University and program of study (include degree)
- Estimated graduation date
- Presentation title and abstract

Selection will take place after the final program is released by ASC, and all applicants will be notified by September 16, 2024. Travel awards will be disbursed as reimbursement after the conference and will be recognized at the Division of Policing reception.

Selection Criteria
- Prioritize students without conference funding or with minimal conference funds
- Prioritize papers v. posters
- Other considerations can include:
    o Progress towards degree completion
    o Underrepresented backgrounds
    o Variety of programs
    o Geography