

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

2012 OUTSTANDING SOCIAL WORK DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AWARD

The Society for Social Work and Research *Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award* recognizes dissertations exemplifying high standards in social work research and scholarship. The purpose of the award is to encourage the design and conduct of quality research by doctoral-level social workers, to recognize the authors of such studies, and to provide these authors with a professional conference venue to present findings from their study.

No later than August 3, 2011 nominators must first contact SSWR Awards Coordinator Matthew Hundley via e-mail at matthew@sswr.org to register (1) the name of the nominator, (2) contact information for the nominator, (3) the name of the author, (4) contact information for the nominee, (5) the name of the major professor supervising the dissertation and (6) the name of the program and university from which the dissertation originated. The awards coordinator will assign a nominator number which is to be used on all nomination documents to ensure a blind review process. Self-nominations are encouraged. *Only SSWR members may submit nominations. The SSWR Board has set a policy that no sitting member of the Board may apply for this award.* **Nominators may only nominate one nominee for this award.**

The nomination packet must include the dissertation and a nomination letter indicating the specific ways in which the dissertation advances knowledge in social work. Both files must be submitted electronically via email attachment.

To ensure a blind review process all nominators/nominees must adhere to the following guidelines;

- Use your assigned ID number in place of all occurrences of your name. Your actual name may only be shown on the Nomination ID Number Request i.e. If your assigned ID number is DA_2012_010, use that to identify yourself throughout your documents rather than your actual name.
- Do not reference the actual name of your institution; You can only use generic, non-identifiable names such as “My University” or “XYZ University” when referring to your institution.
- Staff and Chair names cannot be mentioned, they can only be referred to by their title i.e. Use ‘Department Chair’ instead of ‘Professor Smith’
- Applications which reveal any aspect of the applicant’s identity, affiliation, or staff names will NOT be considered.

The award recipient will be honored at the Awards Ceremony at the 2012 conference. Recipients of the Award will receive complimentary conference registration, a stipend for travel to the conference, a plaque and honorarium.

All nominations must be received by August 17, 2011. Nominations should be sent electronically to:

Matthew Hundley, Awards Coordinator

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The August 3 and 17, 2011 deadlines will be firmly adhered to

Eligibility criteria: Eligible nominees must have successfully defended their doctoral dissertation between July 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011. The dissertation must originate from a member program of the *Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work*.