

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

2017 EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD for Best Scholarly Contribution Published

The Society for Social Work and Research *Excellence in Research Award* for best scholarly contribution was established to develop a formal mechanism to recognize outstanding social work research that advances knowledge with direct applications to practice, policy, and the resolution of social problems. The intent of the Excellence in Research Award is to recognize original scholarly contributions to the peer-reviewed research literature in a given year.

Nominated articles must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Eligible articles must have appeared in print during the **2015 calendar year**. The outlet may have been a disciplinary social work journal, an interdisciplinary journal, or a journal affiliated with another discipline (e.g., psychiatry, psychology, public health, etc.).
2. The first author of the article must possess a graduate professional social work or social welfare degree (MSW, Ph.D./DSW), or be a current or former faculty or staff member in a social work program, or be a student in a professional social work degree program, or be a regular, student or emeritus member of the Society for Social Work and Research.
3. The article must report the design, conduct, and results of a qualitative or quantitative study clearly related to social work practice, policy, or the resolution of social problems.
4. The article must meet the highest scientific standards and advance social work knowledge. The award selection criteria include:
 - Significance of the problem being addressed
 - Adequate use of theory and literature
 - Adequacy of research design
 - Appropriateness of data or text analysis and interpretation
 - Direct application to social work
 - Attention to vulnerable or disadvantaged populations
5. *The SSWR Board has set a policy that no sitting member of the Board may apply for this award. Nominators may only nominate one article for this award. Self-nominations are accepted.*

The winning article(s) will be announced in various professional media, and the first author award recipient will be honored at the Awards Ceremony at the 2017 conference. The first author will receive a complimentary conference registration. All winning co-authors will be awarded individual certificates of recognition from SSWR.

All nominations must be received by September 1, 2016. Please provide a copy of the nominated article and a brief letter stating the reasons for your nomination. Electronic submissions are required! Nominating materials should be sent to:

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