

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

2017 SOCIAL POLICY AWARD (formerly Policy Award)

The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) *Social Policy Award* (formerly Policy Award established in July 2015) is to honor social work researchers who have made outstanding contributions to policy and policymakers and leaders who have made extensive use of social work/social welfare research in the policy process.

Nominees for the Social Policy Award may be, but are not limited to, individuals who are:

- Faculty members at schools of social work or social work researchers involved in significant policy research
- Policymakers who have extensively utilized social work/welfare research findings in their policy decisions, or
- Highly influential leaders advocating for the use of social work/social welfare research in policy debates and decision-making

Researchers nominated for the award should have a record of accomplishment that demonstrates the use of rigorous policy research methods, innovation, and significant impact of policy research in addressing one or more important policy issues. *Policymakers* and *leaders* nominated for the award should have a record of accomplishment that demonstrates extensive use of social work research findings in policymaking activities and/or outstanding work with the media to inform the public about the importance of social work/welfare research to policy debates. *All* nominees should demonstrate attention to vulnerable or disadvantaged populations in policy research or policymaking.

Nominations for the award should be in the form of a letter describing the accomplishments of the nominee, particularly describing how the nominee's research or leadership has significantly advanced the use of social work/social welfare research to influence policy. The letter should provide a persuasive rationale for why the nominee merits consideration for the award.

Nomination materials should also include nominee's current address, phone number, email address and curriculum vita or biographical statement. Please also include nominator's name, address, phone number and email address. Letters of support are encouraged but not required. *Only SSWR members may submit nominations. The SSWR Board has set a policy that no sitting member of the Board may be nominated for this award. Nominators may only nominate one nominee for this award.*

The Social Policy Award will be presented at the SSWR 2017 Annual Conference, January 11–15, 2017, in New Orleans, LA. The award recipient will receive complimentary conference registration, travel expenses, a plaque, and honorarium.

All nominations must be received by June 30, 2016. Nominating materials should be sent electronically to:

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