

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

2025 Community-Research Partnership Award

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The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Community-Research Partnership Award is a new award that is being launched at the 2025 Conference. This award honors collaborative research between social work researchers and community partners working together to advance community science to address complex social problems and aligns with SSWR's value of rigorous research that promotes a just and equitable society. This partnership-driven approach is vital in advancing community science and addressing the multifaceted social challenges of our time.

One award will be given to a research partnership that includes a social work researcher(s) and a community partner(s).

Nominations for the award must include:

- A current CV (for the lead social work researcher) and a resume (for the lead individual from the community partner), including their current address, phone number, and email address.
- A nomination letter describing the nature of the collaboration, and the accomplishments of the collaborative research conducted by the team, particularly the contributions with respect to advancing our understanding of and solutions to complex social problems and furthering social justice. The nomination letter should:
 - Provide a persuasive rationale for why the nominees merit consideration for the award
 - Identify the lead social work researcher and lead community partner and their roles on the community-research partnership team
 - Describe the community partner organization and their role in the community impacted by the collaborative research
 - Describe the origin and history of the partnership
 - Describe the team's collaborative research and how it impacts both the quality of partnership and the scholarship
 - Articulate the impact of this team approach that might not have been realized if either attempted to address the issue outside of the partnership
 - Describe the scholarly and community facing products that have come out of this partnership, including their community impact
 - Discuss how the partnership has been sustained over time

The letter must also include each nominator's name, address, phone number, and email address. Only SSWR members may submit nominations. The lead social work researcher must also be a member of SSWR. The lead community partner does not need to be a member of SSWR. SSWR defines a community partner as someone who does not primarily perform research or evaluation

related duties as part of their job; are not employed by a research-focused organization or university; and are not employed by a federal government agency.

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. Self-nominations are encouraged.

All nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria

Quality of the community-research partnership

- Mutually defined and clear roles for the social work researcher(s) and community partner team(s)
- The planning (goals/design), implementation and outcomes of the partnership demonstrate shared decision-making and co-creation
- Engagement of the community impacted by the research in identifying the problem(s) and research goals, and in the implementation, analysis and dissemination of the research
- Advancement of community-university research partnerships
- Positively impacts the community and the academic institution

Quality of the scholarship:

- Significance of the problem being addressed, particularly related to the community impacted by the research
- Rigorous use of theory and literature
- Rigorous or innovative research design
- Quality, skill, and/or innovation of data analysis and interpretation
- Direct application to social work community practice and social justice
- Evidence of scholarly publications and community dissemination through manuscripts, academic and community presentations, reports, blogs, and other forms of dissemination

The inaugural SSWR Community-Research Partnership Award will be given at the 2025 conference in Seattle, Washington. **All nominations must be received by Monday, October 28, 2024.**

Nomination materials should be sent electronically to:

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