

Bruce Smith, Sr. Award

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2026.

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The intent of the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award is to recognize outstanding contributions to criminal justice as an academic or professional endeavor.

Award criteria: To be eligible for an award, the nominee must:

1. Have made outstanding contributions to criminal justice as an academic and/or professional endeavor.
2. Be actively involved in criminal justice and other endeavors which have made substantial contributions to the emerging body of knowledge in criminal justice.
3. ACJS membership is not required.

Nomination requirements: ACJS sends out an annual request for nominations for the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award. Nominations must be provided electronically to the subcommittee chair by the established due date. Only those individuals who meet the eligibility criteria will be evaluated based on the selection criteria.

To be considered:

1. Prior recipients of the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award are not eligible for nomination.
2. Nominees do not need to be current members of ACJS.
3. The nominator must be a current member of ACJS.
4. Self-nominations are not accepted.
5. The nomination should include the official nomination letter. The letter should provide specific information about how the nominee fits the award criteria.
6. The nominators must include a nominee's CV with their nomination letter.

Selection criteria: The subcommittee for this award shall examine the nomination letters and the CV against the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements, as listed above. Only nominations that meet the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements will be considered for the award.

The award recipient is expected to attend the ACJS Annual Meeting in the year the award is bestowed and deliver an address or presentation to the attendees of the

ACJS Annual Meeting on their research. If the recipient of the award delivers an address or presentation at the ACJS Annual Meeting, that address or presentation may be published in the *Justice Evaluation Journal*.