

Academy New Scholar Award

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2026.

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The intent of the Academy New Scholar Award is to recognize outstanding scholarly contributions to the study of crime and/or criminal justice by someone who has received their most recent doctoral degree within the past six (6) years.

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for an award, the nominee must:

1. Be an active ACJS member in good standing.
2. Be a faculty member.
3. Have received their most recent doctoral degree within the past six (6) years.
4. Have outstanding scholarly contributions to the study of crime and/or criminal justice. These contributions could include, but are not limited to, books, articles, book chapters, reviews, technical reports, grants or papers to scholarly associations.

Nomination requirements: ACJS sends out an annual request for nominations for the Academy New Scholar Award. Nominations must be provided electronically to the subcommittee chair by the established due date. Please batch nominations from colleagues at the same institution into one nomination package. Only those individuals who meet the eligibility criteria will be evaluated based on the selection criteria.

To be considered:

1. Prior recipients of the Academy New Scholar Award are not eligible for nomination.
2. The nominator must be a current member of ACJS.
3. Self-nominations are not accepted.
4. The nomination should include the official nomination letter. The letter should provide specific information about how the nominee fits the award criteria.
5. The nominator must include a nominee's CV with their nomination letter.
6. The nominee may submit up to four (4) works (articles, books, book chapters, etc.) for review by the subcommittee. Works must be provided electronically.

Selection criteria: The subcommittee for this award shall examine the nomination letters and the CVs 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.