

Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2026.

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The intent of the Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award is to recognize the outstanding criminal justice-related dissertation.

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible for an award, the dissertation must have been completed within two (2) years of nomination.

Nomination requirements: ACJS sends out an annual request for applications for the Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award.

To be considered:

1. Nominations must include a carefully edited, electronic copy of the dissertation.
2. The dissertation should be provided electronically to the subcommittee chair by the established due date.
3. The nomination should include the official nomination letter. The letter should provide specific information about how the nominated dissertation fits the award and selection criteria.
4. Self-nominations are not allowed.
5. The dissertation author needs to be an ACJS member, but the nominators do not need to be ACJS members.

Selection Criteria: Only nominations that meet the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements will be considered for the award. The dissertations will be evaluated based on the four criteria:

1. Relevancy of research problem.
2. Quality of theoretical orientation.
3. Rigor of empirical and/or logical documentation.
4. Quality of writing.

The author of the dissertation receiving the Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award will receive a \$300 stipend. The recipient of the Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award will be eligible for consideration to be published as a Routledge Monograph.