

ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards: The deadline for nominations is September 15, 2025

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The ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards honor outstanding mentors who, during the course of their career, have made a significant contribution to the professional development of graduate students and junior faculty members in criminal justice. These outstanding mentors will be honored in recognition of their excellence in the role of student/faculty mentor as evidenced by their willingness and commitment to foster the professional growth and achievement of students and faculty. **The award will be limited to three (3) recipients;** however, strong consideration will be given to those nominees who have letters submitted on their behalf which **demonstrate and articulate a level of commitment, dedication, and support which go above and beyond the normal expectation of a faculty member in their job role.**

All members of ACJS are invited to nominate candidates. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and recognize a faculty member (current or retired) who, in your judgment, deserves acknowledgment as an outstanding mentor.

Award Criteria: To be eligible, the outstanding mentor shall be a current member of ACJS and shall have:

1. Served as an outstanding role model in a professional capacity in teaching, research, and service;
2. Demonstrated long-term and ongoing commitment to the career goals of the mentee(s);
3. Contributed to the professional development of the mentee(s);
4. Encouraged graduate student involvement in professional opportunities, supporting graduate students and junior faculty membership in professional organizations, and nurturing graduate students and junior faculty contributions to professional organizations; and
5. Provided exemplary academic and professional service to graduate student and junior faculty members.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Nominees must be current members of ACJS. (All current ACJS members are listed in the ACJS online membership directory.) Nominators do not have to be current members of ACJS.
2. Letters from Nominators who may have been mentees of the nominee will be strongly considered.

3. Nominators may also be colleagues who have personal and specific knowledge of the nominee's outstanding mentoring efforts and accomplishments.
4. Self-nominations shall not be accepted.
5. Nominations must be based on either having been mentored by the nominee or personal observation of mentoring provided to others by the nominee.
6. Nominations shall be provided by a formal letter summarizing the mentor's influence on students and colleagues. The letter should provide specific information about the deserving nature of the nominee's mentoring, which provides evidence of exceptional efforts, rather than focusing on the nominee's other professional accomplishments.
7. The nomination letter shall include the nominee's full contact information.
8. Include the CV of the nominee.
9. Prior recipients of the ACJS Outstanding Mentor Awards are ineligible for future awards. Starting in 2024, recipients of the Outstanding Mentor Awards are re-eligible after receipt of this award.
10. Please batch nominations for the nominee from colleagues at the same institution into one nomination packet, if possible.