

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
***Society for Social Work and Research***  
**2025 EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD for Best Scholarly Contribution Published**

The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) *Excellence in Research Award* for best scholarly contribution was established to develop a formal mechanism to recognize outstanding social work research that advances knowledge with direct applications to practice, policy, and the resolution of social issues. The intent of the Excellence in Research Award is to recognize original scholarly contributions to the peer-reviewed research literature in a given year.

Nominated articles must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Eligible articles must have appeared in print or online during the **2023** calendar year. The outlet may have been a disciplinary social work journal, an interdisciplinary journal, or a journal affiliated with another discipline (e.g., psychiatry, psychology, public health, etc.).
2. The first author of the article must possess a graduate professional social work or social welfare degree (MSW, PhD/DSW), be a current or former faculty or staff member in a social work program, be a student in a professional social work degree program, or be a regular, student or emeritus member of the Society for Social Work and Research.
3. The article must report the design, conduct, and results of a qualitative or quantitative study clearly related to social work practice, policy, or the resolution of social problems.

The award selection criteria include:

- Significance of the problem being addressed, particularly to oppressed, disenfranchised, or marginalized populations;
- 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;
- Rigorous and anti-oppressive attunement to processes and lived conditions related to gender and gender presentation, race/ethnicity, culture, sexuality, class/caste, and/or ability (among others) as relevant to one's substantive area.

*Only SSWR members may submit nominations. 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.*

The first author award recipient will be honored at the Awards Ceremony at the 2025 SSWR conference, January 15-19, 2025, in Seattle, WA.

**Nomination Materials**

- Nominated article;
- Brief letter stating the reasons for your nomination;
- Article Citation and Authorship (provide separate Word document);
  - Book Citation;
  - List of authorship: Primary author(s) and co-authors in authorship order;
- Headshots of all authors (high-resolution .jpeg).

**Electronic submissions are required. All nominations must be received by June 30, 2024.**

**Nomination materials should be sent to:**

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