



Staff Award for Excellence in Access and Collective Engagement

Purpose: This award will recognize an outstanding staff member (professional or support staff) who has made exceptional contributions to advancing human access and collective engagement (ACE) through Research, Practice, Community Engagement, Teaching and/or Advocacy.

Eligibility: This award is open to any staff member (professional or support) at the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH).

Nomination Process: Staff members for this award must be nominated by an ASPH faculty, ASPH staff, or community partners. The nominator must provide evidence on the applicant's commitment to social justice through research, practice, advocacy, and/or evidence of a commitment to social justice in university/community engagement.

The final nomination packet should include the following components:

1. If staff member is professional staff and is engaged in research, a nomination letter must provide evidence of research (e.g., manuscripts, research projects verification, abstracts, grants/funding, presentations, etc.), practice (implementation of community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice), advocacy, and/or university/community engagement to support the contributions to advancing social justice.
2. If staff member is support staff the nomination letter must provide evidence of university/college or department service to social justice, advocacy, and/or community engagement to support the contributions to advancing social justice.
3. Provide a current CV/Resume.

Criteria: Nomination letters should describe activities in Research, Practice, and/or University/Community Engagement.

- **Research** – Conducting research focused on understanding and/or disrupting disparities experienced by marginalized groups (including but not limited to groups identified by race, ethnicity, national origin, language background, gender, sexual/gender identity, age, pregnancy and childbirth, religion, ability status, protected veterans, socioeconomic status, and/or immigration status). Priority will be given to multidisciplinary research that will have a positive impact on marginalized communities (e.g., building community capacity, emphasizing empowerment, developing leadership, promoting health advocacy).

AND/OR

- **Practice** – Integrating social justice into practice (implementation of community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice).

AND/OR

- **University/Community Engagement** – Demonstrating engagement in efforts to eliminate inequities in the areas of public health or education. Efforts prioritize areas identified by community members and focus on functional, meaningful outcomes. For staff support this could be at the University, College, Department and/or Community levels.
- **Advocacy** – Promotes dignity, respect, and social justice within the Arnold School, the University of South Carolina, and/or broader community.



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Submission Process

Nomination packets must be combined into a single PDF document and submitted to dsellers@mailbox.sc.edu by **Friday April 25, 2025**. Please include the name of the nominee and “ASPH ACE Staff Award” in the subject line of the email. The winner will be awarded on **May 9, 2025**. This award includes a cash prize of \$1000.