

Early Career Award Checklist *(Updated October 13, 2023)*

The SCRA Early Career Award recognizes community psychologists within 10 years of their last degree who have made a significant early contribution(s) to the field of community psychology, and the Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA, APA Division 27), including action towards the Call to Action on Anti-Blackness, and to the Early Career Interest Group.

Criteria for the award:

1. **Early Career Status:** The candidate must be 10 years or less from receiving their terminal (or last) degree.
2. **Contribution:** The candidate has made an important early contribution or contributions to community psychology. Examples include a research paper, a policy, community practice, community organizing, significant early impact teaching and mentoring in a community psychology program, policy change at the local, state or national level, or led an important initiative in service of SCRA.
3. **Early Career Role:** Candidate roles include: Researchers, Practitioners, Educators, Program Directors, and Service to SCRA.
4. **SCRA Engagement:** Be engaged in SCRA activities, interest groups, and/or initiatives.
5. **Nomination:** Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by a member of SCRA. Nominations (including self-nominations) are especially sought from Black, Native/Indigenous, Persons of Color (BIPOC) and intersectionally-marginalized community psychologists.

Nomination materials required:

1. Two letters of support that outline the specific contributions of the nominee based on the criteria above.
2. A statement of significant early contribution that specifically highlights the nominee's important contributions in the areas of: a) contribution to the field of community psychology, SCRA, and/or the Early Career Interest Group, b) how nominee's contribution(s) relates to community psychology, c) nominee's plan to continue contributions within the field of community psychology
3. Specific action towards the Call to Action on Anti-Blackness that addresses the ongoing dismantling of Anti-Blackness in SCRA or in research, practice activities, or academic settings. See the Call to Action on Anti-Blackness <https://scra27.org/resources/call-action/>.
As dismantling Anti-Blackness benefits everyone, this action aligns with the foundational principles of community psychology.

Note: One or more candidates may be selected to be awarded the Early Career Award.

Evaluation process: An awards committee consisting of early career members as well as more senior SCRA members will review nominations.