



UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina

ASPH – Office of Access and Collective Engagement

Alumni Award for Excellence in Access and Collective Engagement through Research or Practice

Purpose: This award will recognize an outstanding Alumni 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 Alumni of the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH) whose work has both made a difference to the public health profession and/or health science fields.

Nomination Process: Alumni for this award must be nominated by an ASPH faculty, ASPH staff, ASPH advisor, or community partners. The nominator must provide evidence on the applicant's commitment to access and collective engagement through research, practice, community engagement, teaching, and/or advocacy.

The final nomination packet should include the following components:

1. Nomination letter that provides 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), university/community engagement, teaching, and/or advocacy to support the contributions to advancing social justice.
2. Provide a current CV/Resume

Criteria: Nominations should describe activities in Research, Practice, Community Engagement, Teaching and/or Advocacy.

- **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 efforts into practice (implementation community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice).

AND/OR

- **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.

AND/OR

- **Teaching** – Integrating social justice into curriculum and teaching, drawing on innovative teaching methods that prioritize collaborative classroom engagement, contextualize inequality within broader contexts and systems, and/or challenge deficit perspectives and narratives that contribute to marginalization.

AND/OR

- **Advocacy** – Promotes dignity, respect, and social justice within the Arnold School, the University of South Carolina, and/or broader community.

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 Alumni Award" in the subject line of the email. The winner will be awarded by **May 9, 2025**. This award includes a cash prize of \$1000.