



Faculty Award for Excellence in Access and Collective Engagement in Research or Practice

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding ASPH faculty who has made exceptional contributions to advancing human access and collective engagement (ACE) through Research, Practice, Community Engagement, Teaching and/or Advocacy.

Eligibility: Candidates must be a current faculty member in the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH) with a minimum of three years of service at the University of South Carolina.

Nomination: Faculty 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 dignity, respect, and social justice through research or practice, and community engagement and/or teaching.

The final nomination packet should include the following components:

1. Nomination letter that describes the Applicant's contributions to advancing social justice through research (e.g., scientific manuscripts, grants/funding, and presentations) or practice (implementation of community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice). The nomination letter can also describe the Applicant's commitment to social justice through community engagement and/or teaching.
2. Current CV and/or Resume.

Criteria: Nomination letter should describe activities in Research **or** Practice, **and** Community Engagement **and/or** teaching.

- **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).

OR

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

AND

- **Community Engagement** – Demonstrating engagement in efforts to eliminate inequities in the areas of public health or education. These activities should prioritize areas identified by community members and focus on functional, meaningful outcomes.

AND / OR

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

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 Faculty 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.