

**NCA Activism & Social Justice Division**  
**Call for 2021 Award Nominations**  
**Deadline Extended to April 15, 2021**

**Award Instructions.**

**Eligibility:** All award nominees must be current members of the NCA Activism & Social Justice Division.

**Award Categories:** (1) Graduate Student Activist Award; (2) Activism and Social Justice Pedagogy Award; (3) Activism and Social Justice Community Engagement Award; and (4) Activism and Social Justice Scholarly Influence Award. (Full descriptions are below.)

**Timeline:** Nomination materials are due by **April 15**. Reviews and decisions will be completed by April 23. Awardees will be contacted shortly thereafter and be honored at the Division's Business Meeting in November.

**Submission Guidelines:** Follow the guidelines as listed below and send all materials in a single PDF to the Awards Committee Coordinator, Patricia S. Parker at [psparker@email.unc.edu](mailto:psparker@email.unc.edu). Please clearly specify in the body of the email the name of the nominee, their email contact, and award category. Feel free to contact Pat with questions or concerns.

**Description of Awards.**

**(1) Graduate Student Activist Award**

The Activism and Social Justice Division's Graduate Student Activist Award is designed to honor a graduate student or group of graduate students in recognition of their engagement with activism and social justice. Examples may include but are not limited to engagement with activism and social justice, based on demonstrated graduate student contributions within a variety of settings (e.g., campus activism, teaching, community partnerships, and/or scholarly work, among other possibilities).

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible, the recipient(s) must be graduate student(s) at the time of nomination who are current member(s) of the Activism and Social Justice Division. Both self-nominations and nominations of others are encouraged. ASJ Division officers are not eligible for awards while in service to the Division. Awards recipients are ineligible for re-applying for the same award they have received for a three-year period after receiving the award.

**Criteria:** The awards committee will assess the nominees' engagement with activism and social justice, based on their demonstrated contributions within a variety of settings (e.g., campus activism, teaching, community partnerships, and/or scholarly work, among other possibilities).

**Submissions should include:** A letter of nomination (self or other), which outlines the nominees' contributions to the activist movements/activities they engage with, pedagogical efforts aimed at activism and social justice, and/or scholarship focused on activism and social justice; the nominees' current CV; and one to two examples of relevant documentation of the nominees' engagement with activism and social justice (e.g., scholarly paper, report, presentation; memoranda of understanding with community partners; teaching materials that focus on activism and social justice; or other documentation demonstrating activism and social justice work).

## **(2) Activism and Social Justice Pedagogy Award**

This award honors a significant pedagogical contribution in the realm of activism and social justice by a current member of the ASJ Division. Examples of one's pedagogical contribution to the discipline and the Division may include but are not limited to innovative assignments, activities, or pedagogical approaches; letters of support from peer teaching evaluators (up to five accepted); scholarship of teaching and learning focused on activism and social justice (within a five-year period of the date of nomination); and/or other documentation that illustrates the impact of the nominees' pedagogical contribution.

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible, the recipient must be a current member of the Activism and Social Justice Division. ASJ Division officers are not eligible for awards while in service to the Division. Awards recipients are ineligible for re-applying for the same award they have received for a three-year period after receiving the award.

**Criteria:** The awards committee will assess the nominees' pedagogical contributions to communication, activism, and social justice, based on demonstrated excellence in teaching.

**Submissions should include:** A letter of nomination (self or other), which outlines the nominee's teaching philosophy and pedagogical contributions focused on activism and social justice; the nominee's current CV; and relevant support materials (e.g., a selection of representative teaching materials; one or two representative publications within a five-year period of the award deadline; or peer reviews of teaching (up to five accepted).

## **(3) Activism and Social Justice Community Engagement Award**

This award honors a division member who has engaged in collective action aimed at community engagement that furthers the mission of the ASJ Division. The purpose of this award is to recognize activism and social justice work that transcends the academy, going above and beyond research and teaching to impact communities in need. Examples of one's community engagement work may include but are not limited to partnering with community organizations to create policy changes; organizing collective action events; working with communities, organizations, groups, movements, or individuals in need of further support (e.g., prison education, community organizing, activist workshops, campaign strategizing, movement building, media work, etc.); and/or creating a nonprofit organization that addresses injustices.

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible, the recipient must be a current member of the Activism and Social Justice Division. ASJ Division officers are not eligible for awards while in service to the Division. Awards recipients are ineligible for re-applying for the same award they have received for a three-year period after receiving the award.

**Criteria:** The awards committee will assess the nominee's activism and social justice work focused on community engagement, based on their overall contribution to communities in need.

**Submissions should include:** A letter of nomination (self or other) that outlines the significance of the nominee's activism and social justice work focused on community engagement; the nominee's current CV; and any additional information that will help to contextualize the nominee's engagement (e.g., one representative writing example or additional letters of support from community partners – up to five letters of support accepted).

#### **(4) Activism and Social Justice Scholarly Influence Award**

This award honors someone whose scholarship and mentorship have significantly impacted the Activism and Social Justice Division at NCA by recognizing (1) scholarly work that inspires greater understanding of communication, activism, and social justice; (2) scholarly work that attempts to intervene into and reconstruct unjust discourses with more just solutions for action; and (3) mentorship with demonstrated scholarly impact (e.g., advising relevant theses, dissertations, and/or student research groups; editorial duties of collected volumes, book series, journals, and/or journal special issues; creating a new book series or journal that advances the mission of the ASJ Division).

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible, the recipient must be a current member of the Activism and Social Justice Division. ASJ Division officers are not eligible for awards while in service to the Division. Awards recipients are ineligible for re-applying for the same award they have received for a three-year period after receiving the award.

**Criteria:** The awards committee will assess the nominee's activism and social justice influence on the ASJ Division and the discipline of communication as a whole.

**Submissions should include:** A letter of nomination (self or other) that outlines the nominee's scholarly influence related to activism and social justice; the nominee's current CV; and at least three but no more than five letters of support. These letters must address the intellectual contribution of the nominee's scholarly influence in communication, activism, and social justice.