



Canadian Sociological Association
Best Student Paper Award
2026 Nomination Submission

We strongly encourage you to review the eligibility guidelines posted before submitting a nomination. <https://www.csa-scs.ca/best-student-paper-award>

Kindly submit the Nominee Information (see below) to office@csa-scs.ca by April 30, 2026 at 11:59pm Pacific Time along with a copy of your student card or document to verify student status.

Include a separate pdf of your full paper being presented at the Canadian Sociological Association Conference.

- Remove any information identifying the author(s) and/or session of the paper's presentation.
- Include an abstract on the first page (max 500 words).

Nominee Information

- First and Last Name:
- Affiliation (academic institution or community organization):
- Department:
- Student Level (Undergraduate, MA, or PhD):
- Year in Program:
- Email Address:
- Do you identify as a member of one or more equity deserving groups*?
Please explain:

Commitment to Equity

**Equity deserving groups are communities that encounter barriers to equal access, opportunities and resources due to structural disadvantage and discrimination. This marginalization is created by historic, social, political, and environmental barriers based on age, ongoing colonialism, ethnicity, disability, economic status, gender, nationality, race, sexual orientation and transgender status, etc.*

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Adjudication Criteria

- **Research output, originality, and contribution to knowledge:** Paper makes original contributions to knowledge; contributions are significant; advance sociology in important ways. Contributions are particularly noteworthy/impressive given the career stage of the graduate student.
- **Theoretical advancement:** Deployment of appropriate theoretical framework(s); rigorous engagement of relevant theories, perspectives, and approaches within and beyond the discipline(s) of sociology; theory-building; theoretical synthesis and/or innovation.
- **Methodology:** Rigour of research process, methods, and data; contributions are based on extensive research; provide clarity on the data, methods and methodological choices made in the research process.
- **Potential:** Paper shows evidence of a stellar and continued top-of-class performance.
- **EDID considerations:** Paper reflects sensitivity to and engagement with equity, diversity, inclusivity, and decolonization. This may be reflected in one or more ways, including choice of research topics, policy thrust, respectful language in analysing lives of research participants, etc. The list is not exhaustive.