



The [Political Sociology and Social Movements \(PSSM\) Research Cluster](#) of the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) is now accepting submissions for the Best Conference Student Paper Award. The paper must be written by a graduate student (MA or PhD) and address a theme or themes broadly related to the subject areas of political sociology and/or social movements. It may be empirical or theoretical in focus. The paper must be presented at the CSA's Annual Conference to be considered. More than one paper must be received to adjudicate this award.

The award recipient will receive a certificate of achievement and a \$200 prize. The recipient will be recognized at the PSSM's annual business meeting to be held during the 2026 CSA Conference. The recipient's recognition will also be promoted through the CSA website and PSSM Research Cluster website page. A review panel consisting of at least three senior scholars (PSSM RC members) will do a blind peer-review and unanimously select the winner of the award. The detailed adjudication process and rubric will be shared during the award announcement.

Eligibility Criteria:

Primary Author of Nominated Paper

- Canadian Sociological Association membership in good standing
- MA or PhD student

Nominated Paper Status

- Sole authored or co-authored with another student (MA or PhD)
- Unpublished and not yet approved for publication
- One submission per author

Nominated Paper Length and Language

- Maximum 8,000 words, including notes and references (double-spaced).
- Include an abstract (maximum 250 words) and several key words (5-7)
- Include subject/thematic area (s) of political sociology and social movements
- Submission must be written in English to be considered for the award.

CSA Equity Statement

The CSA is committed to the values and principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization. We recognize and honour the intersectionality of equity-based identities and therefore invite and encourage the nomination (including self-nomination) of members from marginalized groups, including Indigenous peoples, racialized persons, persons with disabilities, persons who identify as women, and/or 2SLGBTIQ+.

Submission Instructions

The committee will accept submissions until **April 25, 2026**. Email an anonymized PDF copy of the paper along with the following information to PSSM RC co-chairs: Omar Faruque and Zitian Sun (pssm-rc@csa-scs.ca).

The email must include the following:

- Email subject: **2026 PSSM Best Conference Student Paper Award submission**
- Primary author name, email address, affiliation (academic institution), and educational level (MA, PhD)
- Co-author name(s), email address, affiliation(s), and educational level(s)
- An anonymized version of the paper in a PDF document
- Session in which the paper is being presented at the CSA Conference (virtual or in-person)
- Nominated paper status
- The author(s) are welcome to self-identify as a member of an equity deserving community with a brief bio (100 words).