



The Sociology of Culture Research Cluster invites submissions for our Best Conference Student Paper Award. Papers should make a timely contribution to the sociology of culture, which can be empirical, theoretical, or methodological. Evaluators will consider research mechanics, argumentative strength, and originality of submissions. Up to three recipients will be selected from among all papers submitted, based on student level (Undergraduate, MA, or PhD). A minimum of 2 nominations must be received at any level, in order for the adjudication to move forward.

Eligibility Criteria

Primary Author of Nominated Paper

- Canadian Sociology Association membership in good standing
- Undergraduate Student, MA Student, or PhD Student

Authorship of Nominated Paper

- Sole authored OR Co-authored with another student at the same level (i.e. MA or PhD)

Conference Presentation of Nominated Paper

- Presentation in a Canadian Sociological Association Conference hosted session (either virtual or in-person)
- Paper presented in a session affiliated with the Sociology of Culture research cluster or another research cluster

Nominated Paper Status

- Full papers only – research proposals will not be accepted
- Unpublished and not yet approved for publication

Nominated Paper Format

- Maximum 6000-8000 words (including works cited)
- ASA, APA, Chicago, MLA or other citation format should be used consistently throughout
- At this time, only English language submissions can be accepted

Submission Instructions

We will accept submissions by nominators or self-nomination until the deadline of **April 30, 2026**.

Email a copy of the paper (in PDF) format along with the information below to RC chairs (Athena.Engman@umanitoba.ca and Sonia.Bookman@umanitoba.ca) before 11:59PM ET;

- Primary author name, email address, affiliation (academic institution), and student level (MA or PhD)
 - Co-author name(s), affiliations(s), and student level(s)
- Canadian Sociological Association Conference session in which the paper is being presented
- The author(s) are welcome to self-identify as a member of an equity deserving community (see the Canadian Sociological Association Equity Statement)

Adjudication

The paper award committee comprised of faculty members of the Sociology of Culture Research Cluster will independently review each paper and rank based on the overall quality and the contribution of the paper informed by the criteria listed above. Following this, the committee will meet to make its decisions based on committee members' rankings. If no paper meets the criteria, the award will not be given.

Canadian Sociological Association Equity Statement

The CSA is committed to the values and principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (refer to our [Operating Standards and Principles on Equity](#)). 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+.