

CSA-SCS Sociology of Mental Health Research Cluster Award
Best Student Paper 2026



The [Sociology of Mental Health Research Cluster](#) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting submissions for its Best Student Paper Award.

The award will be presented to recognize excellence among undergraduate or graduate students pursuing research in any substantive area related to the Sociology of Mental Health. Papers may be theoretical or empirical. One recipient will be selected among all papers submitted. A minimum of two papers must be received for the award to be adjudicated.

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+.

Eligibility Criteria:

Primary Author of Nominated Paper

- Canadian Sociological Association membership in good standing
- Undergraduate or graduate (MA or PhD) student

Authorship of Nominated Paper

- Sole authored paper OR first author of co-authored paper
- An author may only submit one paper for consideration

Nominated Paper Status

- Unpublished and not yet approved for publication

Nominated Paper Format

- Paper length may not exceed 10,000 words (40 pages) maximum, including bibliography and appendices

Submission Instructions:

Papers will be accepted by nominators or by self-nomination until the deadline of **April 30, 2026**.

Please email a copy of the paper (in PDF format), along with the information below to Drs. Atsushi Narisada (atsushi.narisada@smu.ca) and Diana Singh (singhd22@mcmaster.ca).

1. Primary author name, email address, affiliation (academic institution), and study program level (undergraduate, MA, PhD). Co-author name(s), affiliation(s), and, if a student, study program level(s).
2. Primary author evidence of student status (i.e. copy of student card)
3. In keeping with the Canadian Sociological Association's commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization, author(s) are welcome to self-identify as a member of an equity deserving community.