



The [Urban Sociology research cluster](#) is now accepting submissions for our Best Conference Student Paper Award. The paper should be sociological work that seeks to understand human interactions and institutions in urban areas. This includes research on topics that explore the various interrelated dimensions of cultural, economic and social life in cities that embrace empirical, theoretical, or methodological perspectives. One recipient will be selected from among all papers submitted.

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, MA, or PhD student

Authorship of Nominated Paper

- Sole authored or co-authored with another student (Undergraduate, MA or PhD)

Conference Presentation of Nominated Paper

- Presentation in a Canadian Sociological Association Conference hosted session
- Paper presented in a session affiliated with the Urban Sociology 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- Unpublished and not yet approved for publication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 10,000 words or 40 pages
- Submission will be accepted in English

Submission Instructions:

- We will accept submission by nominators or by self-nomination until the deadline of **May 18, 2026**.
- Email a copy of the paper (in PDF) format along with the information below to urbansociology.csa@gmail.com;
 - Primary author name, email address, affiliation (academic institution), and student level (Undergraduate, MA or PhD)
 - Co-author name(s), affiliation(s), and student level(s)
 - Up to 100-word bio describing academic interests.
 - 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.