



Student Concerns Subcommittee
Student Spotlight Program

Nomination Form / Formulaire de nomination

Sous-comité sur les préoccupations des étudiant(e)s
Pleins feux sur les étudiant(e)s

<https://www.csa-scs.ca/student-spotlight>



The concept of *committing sociology* has been used to describe how researchers apply sociological perspectives to social issues with the intent of creating progressive social change. Have you ever wondered how other CSA student members are making this happen?

The Student Spotlight Program allows students to share academic research, applied sociological work, activism, and involvement in community engagement. Sharing the ways we *commit sociology* lets us see how fellow CSA student members are creating social change. It also provides the opportunity for students to share some of the work they do outside of academia that might not get presented at conferences.

We recognize that all students have varying degrees of experience in both their academic work and community engagement. The Student Spotlight Program allows students to submit the work and experiences they would like to highlight, best reflecting their vision of *committing sociology*.

When nominating another member, please ensure they are okay with you sharing information about them/their work. If you are uncertain, please ask them for consent before proceeding.

If selected, the nominee will be notified via email where they will be asked to confirm their profile information and given the opportunity to submit a photo (if desired) before profiles are made public.

****Please note, while we are accepting all submissions, priority will be given to Black, Indigenous, Afro-Indigenous and racialized students. Nominees **must** also be a CSA member in good standing.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly: students@csa-scs.ca.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM: APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please respond to the questions below, to the best of your ability, in **one (1) single word document (.doc)**. You are welcome to copy and paste the questions into your document. **Save the file as: Spotlight_NomineeName_Date**. Email the finished document to the Student Concerns Subcommittee: students@csa-scs.ca and in your subject heading, please write: **Student Spotlight - Nominee Name**.

All information submitted should pertain to the nominee (yourself or another student member). 'Questions to consider' and word limitations are suggestions. *Your application will not be penalized if you do not meet the maximum word count or address each of the 'questions to consider'.* Given space limitations, the SCS reserves the right to choose which responses will be selected for your public profile.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. How did you learn about this initiative?

2. What is **your** full name and preferred email address?

3. What is your relationship to the nominee?

**If you are nominating yourself, please write "self"*

4. What is **the nominee's** full name and preferred email address?

**If you are self-nominating and the information is the same as Question 2, please leave this blank.*

5. Is the nominee a Canadian Sociological Association member in good standing?

**Please write "yes," "no," or "unsure"*

****Membership is required to participate**

6. Please include a bio of the nominee (100 words maximum). Bios **must** include the nominee's full name, academic institution, department, and current degree level (BA, MA, PhD, other). Please include preferred pronouns if you wish and have consent to share.

SECTION 2: EQUITY-DESERVING GROUPS

This information will not be shared in the profile, but it will help us ensure we are reaching and promoting the work of students from diverse backgrounds. Although our priority at present is to promote the work of Black, Indigenous, Afro-Indigenous and racialized students—who may live at the intersections—the SCS is determined to ensure other equity-deserving groups are well represented.

7. Is the nominee a member of an equity-deserving group (e.g. Black, Indigenous, Afro-Indigenous or person of colour; person with disabilities; 2SLGBTQIA+)?

**Please write "yes," "no," "unsure," or "do not wish to disclose"*

8. Which of the following equity-deserving groups is the nominee a member of?

**Please include any/all groups you feel comfortable disclosing, or write "do not wish to disclose"*

SECTION 3: HIGHLIGHTED WORK/PROJECT

Please choose one (1) project you would like to highlight. This project can be academic research, applied sociological work, activism or involvement in community engagement.

9. Please provide the title of the project and/or name of the organization, and a brief synopsis of the project (300 words maximum).

10. Using the same project listed above, please provide additional insight to highlight the nominee and their work. Consider the questions below when writing your response (300 words maximum).

- a. What was the motivation to pursue this project?
- b. Is this work collaborative? If yes, what was the inspiration to join this project/research team?
- c. What are the most surprising or unexpected findings?
- d. What has been the most challenging part of this project?
- e. Describe any interesting or innovative methods used.
- f. Where and/or how can this project have the most impact (socially, academically or both)?
- g. Did this project leave any questions to explore further in later research?
- h. Why does the nominee feel it is important to engage in academic research that intersects with applied sociology work, activism and/or involvement in community engagement?
- i. Are there any other aspects of the nominee's work or interests that you would like to share?

11. *This section is entirely optional* and allows you to share any additional information about the nominee (250 words maximum).

- a. Is the nominee involved in other service positions, applied sociology work, activism and/or involvement in community engagement that you would like to highlight? Why does the nominee consider this work to be important? How has this work changed the nominee? How does this work contribute to social change?
- b. What are some meaningful accomplishments (academic or non) the nominee has achieved while being a student, that you would like to share? Please list no more than three (3).
- c. What is an important lesson or tip you have learned from the nominee that you would like to offer as advice to other students? If self-nominating, what is an important lesson or tip you learned from someone else and want to share?
- d. *Committing sociology* can be challenging at times. What motivates the nominee to continue to work for social change in the face of hardships? Why is this important?
- d. Is there anything else you would like to highlight about the nominee and/or their work?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION!

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