



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ISPU Young Scholar Awards for Outstanding Research on American Muslims

Presented by the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

Deadline: Friday, July 13, 2018

The Young Scholar Awards for Outstanding Research on American Muslims, sponsored by the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, recognize emerging leaders whose research focuses on American Muslims. At ISPU, we believe that research that enables American Muslims to develop their communities and research that ensures a pluralistic and equitable America is essential. Fortunately, there are young scholars currently pursuing groundbreaking work in this field of research. Not only are these scholars vital to America's future, but they also deserve to be recognized for their contributions.

Awards

The first-place winner will receive a \$1,500 prize and an expenses-paid trip to Michigan to receive their award at ISPU's annual banquet in September. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 and \$500 prizes, respectively.

Applicant Criteria

- Has conducted research on American Muslims in one of four main focus areas: Family and Wellness, Community Capacity Building, American Muslim Contributions, or American Pluralism.
- Is currently pursuing a master's or doctoral degree, or has graduated with a master's or doctoral degree in May 2017 or after. Consideration will be given to exceptional upper-level undergraduate students.
- Must be the lead researcher on the submitted work.
- Work submitted demonstrates (1) rigorous methodology and sound analysis, (2) relevance to current challenges, (3) that it is filling a gap or meeting a need, and (4) that it is making measurable impact.
- Applicants may only submit one application.

Conditions of Acceptance

- The first-place winner must be willing to attend and say a few words at ISPU's annual banquet event in Dearborn, MI, on Sunday, September 30, where they will receive their award. Travel costs and accommodations will be provided by ISPU.

- Must respond in a timely fashion to correspondence from ISPU staff members to coordinate their travel arrangements.
- Flights must be booked at least three weeks prior to the event. ISPU will not cover the increase in fare should the winner fail to respond in a timely fashion.

Selection Process

- The Young Scholar Awards committee, comprised of ISPU Scholars and staff members, will select top candidates from the pool of applicants. The top candidates will be announced to the public, who can vote for the candidate of their choice. The committee will make the final decision on the top 3 winners, taking into account the public votes.
- Candidates cannot buy votes (or encourage others to buy votes on their behalf) or they will be disqualified.

Deadline

The deadline for applications is Friday, July 13, 2018. Applicants should complete the form below, which also contains instructions for submission. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for consideration. For more information about the Young Scholar Awards, please contact us at youngscholaraward@ispu.org.



**ISPU Young Scholar Awards for Outstanding Research
on American Muslims**
2018 Application Form

Applicants should complete this form and email it by Friday, July 13, 2018 to youngscholaraward@ispu.org.

Part I: Applicant Information

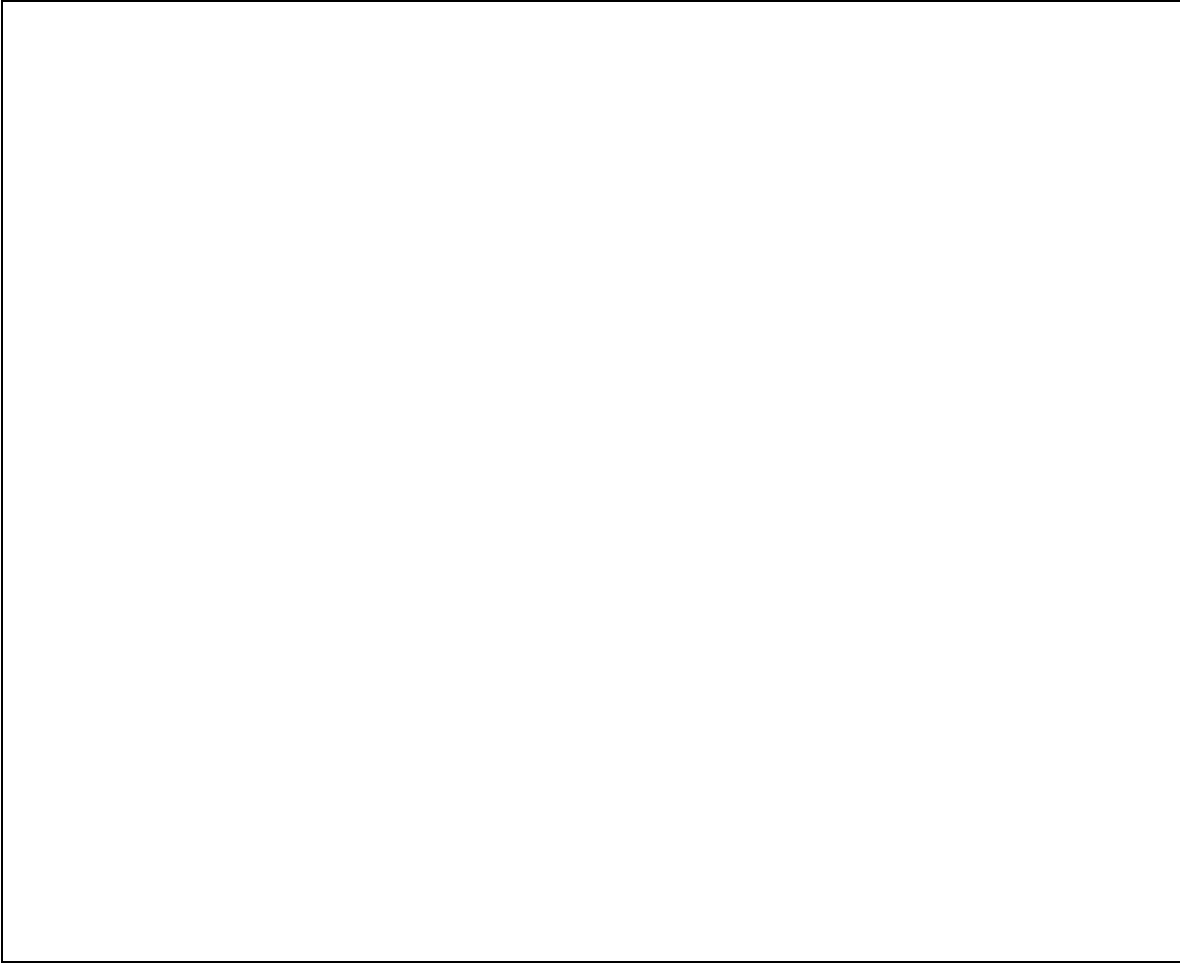
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Degree	_____	Date of graduation _____
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Part II: Research Abstract

No more than 1,000 characters

Part III: Research Methodology

No more than 2,000 characters

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Part IV: Impact Summary

Describe how your research on American Muslims was impactful and how it filled a gap or met a need (no more than 2,000 characters). This description should also indicate how your work demonstrates methodological rigor, excellence, relevance, and leadership.

Part V: Curriculum Vitae & Research Report

Please email a current CV and a full research report (no more than 20 pages double-spaced) in PDF form along with your application form.