



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ISPU Young Scholar Awards for Outstanding Research on American Muslims

Presented by the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

Deadline: February 28, 2021

The Young Scholar Awards for Outstanding Research on American Muslims, awarded 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 opportunity to present their research to attendees of ISPU's annual banquet. 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 within 24 months before the application deadline (February 2019). 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. If you have applied for previous Young Scholar Awards cycles, you **may** use the same research project materials in the 2021 application, but please submit an updated resume/CV.

Conditions of Acceptance

The first-place winner must be willing to attend and say a few words at ISPU's annual banquet event at a date and time TBD in fall 2021, when they will receive their award. If the event is held in person, travel costs and accommodations will be provided by ISPU.

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 Wednesday, July 4, 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**
2021 Application Form

Applicants should complete this form and email it by February
28, 2021 to youngscholaraward@ispu.org.

Part I: Applicant Information

Full name of candidate	_____	
Degree	_____	Date of graduation _____
School	_____	
Degree	_____	Date of graduation _____
School	_____	
Degree	_____	Date of graduation _____
School	_____	
Telephone	_____	
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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.