

Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting
October 1-2, 2021

Join us as we bring together scholars, clinicians, and partners from a range of disciplinary and specialty backgrounds who are united by a shared interest in advancing science that will lead to more just and equitable abortion and contraception.

Call for award nominations

Key dates

- Tuesday, March 23 (9:00 AM ET): Call for award nominations open
- Tuesday, April 27 (11:59 PM ET): Call for award nominations close
- June: Winners are notified

We invite you to submit nominations for the [#SFP2021 awards](#).

We seek nominations to honor the leaders in the field of family planning through three awards:

- **Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award is for individuals and/or teams who have spent their careers advancing the science of abortion and contraception, and have supported others in achieving their own success.
- **Society of Family Planning Beacon of Science Award:** This award is reserved for individuals and/or teams who have made marked, visionary contributions towards just and equitable abortion and contraception informed by science. Their work may have included improving clinical care, advancing research, offering education, translating knowledge into policy or practice, or another type of contribution. We place no seniority or disciplinary constraints on nominees for this award, nor do we seek to restrict the types of contributions that can be honored.
- **Society of Family Planning Mentor Award:** This award is for individuals and/or teams who have demonstrated dedication to supporting and furthering the careers of a new generation of academic clinicians or scholars in the field of family planning.

Award details

- The awards will be presented at #SFP2021, which will be held virtually on October 1-2.
- One nominator may be invited to appear on the panel with the award winner.
- Awardees will receive a total cash prize of \$1,000 and will have their meeting registration and membership fees for one year covered.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be US-based to reflect our focus on domestic family planning.
- Current members of the [Board of Directors](#) are ineligible.

[Vision for diversity, equity, and inclusion in nominations and awardees](#)

We recognize that institutionalized exclusionary and oppressive systems such as racism, sexism, classism, ableism, nationalism, heterosexism, cis-genderism, and other discriminatory practices are barriers to the full participation of all contributors to the field of family planning. We acknowledge the interconnectedness of these oppressive systems. We also intentionally center and lead with anti-racism, recognizing deeply-rooted and pervasive structural racial injustices, and that an anti-racist praxis connects multiple marginalized communities allowing for broader equity impacts for all. To achieve the Society's vision of just and equitable abortion and contraception informed by science, and to ensure that this vision is actualized for the benefit of all, we must work together to intentionally address and incorporate values of diversity, equity, and inclusion in everything we do, from how we govern the organization to the implementation of our programs.

Guidelines for submissions and review process

- Review the submission form to see what may be needed to submit a strong nomination.
 - You can find the questions that will be asked on the form in the *Submission form* section below.
 - Make a plan to gather the needed materials before the deadline.
- Connect with colleagues to see if they will co-sign your nomination.
 - We recognize colleagues may collaborate on the development of a nomination or may want to add their name to a nomination as an act of appreciation of the contributions of a nominee. We also acknowledge that community support may enhance a nomination. Therefore, we invite you to think about reaching out to colleagues and gather their feedback.
 - To hold all of the co-signers in one place, you may add all names to one document which you can upload as part of the nomination. You can use [this template](#) to guide how you upload this information.

- Think through ways to showcase the impact of your nominee’s work on the community and the field of family planning.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate career history: Google Scholar profile, LinkedIn profile, CV.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate scholarly contributions: Scholarly publication, clinical guideline, article, textbook authorship.
- The review will focus on the quality of the nomination, and how it showcases the strength of the nominee’s contributions to the specified award criteria. The review will not necessarily focus on the quantity of signatories, as quantity may not speak to the review questions.
- Nominations will be reviewed by a selector group made up of prior awardees, members of our Board of Directors, and members of the family planning community based on:
 - The strength of nominee’s contributions to specified award criteria.
 - The strength of the nominee’s contribution to addressing and incorporating values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Submission form

All nominations must be submitted using the [online submissions form](#). The questions on the form are below.

- Primary nominator first name, last name, institution, email address
 - Are you submitting a nomination for an individual or team?
 - Individual nominee first and last name, institution, position/title, email address
 - Team name
 - Please list the names and institutions of all team members.
 - Team leader first and last name, position/title, and email address
- What type of award are you submitting a nomination for?
 - Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award
 - This award is for individuals and/or teams who have spent their careers advancing the science of abortion and contraception, and have supported others in achieving their own success.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee’s contributions. Questions to consider for the Lifetime Achievement Award include:
 - Has the nominee dedicated their career to advancing the field of family planning? How have they shown support to others in advancing their careers? Are they known and trusted as a leader in the field? Are they inspiring to the next generation?

- Society of Family Planning Beacon of Science Award
 - This award is reserved for individuals and/or teams who have made marked, visionary contributions towards just and equitable abortion and contraception informed by science. Their work may have included improving clinical care, advancing research, offering education, translating knowledge into policy or practice, or another type of contribution. We place no seniority or disciplinary constraints on nominees for this award. Nor do we seek to restrict the types of contributions that can be honored.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions. Questions to consider for the Beacon of Science Award include:
 - Has the nominee demonstrated a tremendous impact on furthering science in the field of family planning? Are they considered to be a leading expert and are they relied on for the next big scientific achievement?
- Society of Family Planning Mentor Award
 - This award is for individuals and/or teams who have demonstrated dedication to supporting and furthering the careers of a new generation of academic clinicians or scholars in the field of family planning.
 - Please include a brief description (500 words or less) with specific examples of this nominee's contributions. Questions to consider for the Mentor Award include:
 - Has the nominee demonstrated dedication to lifting up others? Do they cultivate trust among rising scholars and rally their peers to enhance support? Are they admired as a leader in the field?
- How does the nominee address and incorporate values of diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work? (250 words)
- You may attach additional co-signers. You can find a template of an example co-signer list [here](#).
 - [file upload]
- You may provide links to items showcasing the individual or team's work.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate career history: Google Scholar profile, LinkedIn profile, CV.
 - Here are a few ways to demonstrate scholarly contributions: Scholarly publication, clinical guideline, article, textbook authorship.
 - *Please note we will not accept further statements of support.*