

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2026 DOCTORAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Doctoral Achievement Award is presented to an outstanding doctoral candidate graduating from the Arnold School of Public Health. Eligible candidates must be eligible to graduate in May, August, or December 2026. Students are nominated for this award by faculty of the Arnold School of Public Health. Students nominated for the award are selected based on their academic performance and achievements and their potential for professional contribution.

## NOMINEES FOR THIS AWARD MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- Academic achievement as indicated by the nominee's grades and grade point average
- Demonstrated track record of meaningful and relevant research, and/or practical application in the field of public health
- Demonstrated potential leadership and service to the community or to the field of public health

## PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW FOR NOMINATING A DOCTORAL STUDENT

Faculty nominating a student should complete the attached nomination form.

*NOTE: Doctoral Award Selection Committee members may not nominate students for this award. Submit completed forms to the Office of Graduate Student Services (by email to [cfsmith@sc.edu](mailto:cfsmith@sc.edu)), no later than March 9, 2026.*

This nomination should include:

- Student name, department, and doctoral degree being received;
- Evaluation of the nominee's overall academic performance;
- A description of the nature, importance, and possible contribution of their research, to the field of public health;
- Description of their track record that shows high potential for future scholarly success;
- Short discussion of the nominee's distinguishing personal characteristics, (these may be leadership skills, communication skills, or service to fellow students, respective departments, the Arnold School of Public Health, or the community at large).

## SELECTION PROCESS

Students will be informed of their nomination via email by the selection committee. The committee will request additional information from the nominees, including a CV and a one page abstract of the student's dissertation. This information must be received no later than March 25, 2026.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Award selection will be made by a committee comprising faculty representatives from the academic disciplines in the Arnold School of Public Health and at least one member of the Dean's staff or a member appointed by the Dean.

**MONDAY**

**MARCH**  
**9**

## Nomination Deadline

If you have questions concerning eligibility, procedures, or criteria for selection, please contact Christy Smith in the Office of Graduate Student Services at [cfsmith@sc.edu](mailto:cfsmith@sc.edu) or (803) 777-6960.



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## **NOMINATION FORM**

# **Doctoral Achievement Award**

**DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2026**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Term of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide a statement of the qualifications of the nominee (you may use additional pages if necessary). Please note that this statement should address both the evaluation of the nominee's overall academic performance and a description of the nature, importance, and possible contribution of their research to the field of public health. Also include a short discussion of the nominee's distinguishing personal characteristics; these may be leadership skills, communication skills, or service to fellow students, respective departments, the Arnold School of Public Health, or the community at large.

This form must be typed and submitted to the Office of Graduate Student Services, by email to [cfsmith@sc.edu](mailto:cfsmith@sc.edu), by March 9, 2026.