

## AACN SAC Mentor Award Nomination Information

The Mentor Award honors the contributions to outstanding mentoring of students and early career neuropsychologists by recognizing the dedication and impact of individuals with a distinguished record of advising and encouraging successful mentees. The mentor award honors individuals who have contributed to the advancement of neuropsychology through the excellence in the training of the next generation of leaders in neuropsychology.

### Mentorship Excellence Award

- In recognition of the critically important role that mentors play in supporting trainees and early career neuropsychologists, the AACN SAC offers one annual award for outstanding mentorship. Each year, a committee will select one mentor recipient of the Mentorship Excellence Award. Evaluation of applications will be conducted blindly. Awards will be formally presented in June at the AACN conference.
- Outstanding mentors:
  - Develop a holistic view of their mentees through sustained interaction and effort to understand mentees' short-term and long-term goals
  - Challenge mentees to take the next steps in their academic, research, or training experience
  - Provide constructive feedback that focuses on mentee learning to see failures as productive learning opportunities
  - Work transparently, making their thought process accessible to mentees and modeling how to grapple with challenges
  - Ensure that mentees develop an understanding of the field and the broader impact of the work along with relevant knowledge and skills
  - Connect mentees with resources, opportunities, and contacts to further their training, projects, networks, and professional development
- Eligibility:
  - Nominees must currently be a mentor in the SAC mentor program.
- Nomination:
  - Only current mentees may submit nominations. A nominator must have worked under the mentorship of the nominee.
  - The deadline to nominate a mentor is **April 30, 2020**.
  - The winner will be announced **May 15, 2020**.
- Selection:
  - The mentorship subcommittee will review the nominations and select the recipient they consider to best exemplify the characteristics of an outstanding mentor. The chosen nominee will then be approved by the Student Affairs Committee leadership and the AACN Board of Directors.

To nominate a candidate for the Mentorship Excellence Award, please provide the documents listed below. Nominations should include the following:

- A nomination letter should include a discussion of the following information sent to [aacnmentors@gmail.com](mailto:aacnmentors@gmail.com):
  1. Statement on the professional credentials and expertise of the nominee

2. Role model abilities (example: demonstrates competence, leadership abilities, communication skills)
  3. Ability to provide guidance, advice and support
  4. Demonstration of passion for mentoring/training others
  5. Ability to offer encouragement and inspiration
  6. Ability to provide knowledge and/or life experience
  7. Ability to support intellectual growth and development
- Nominating mentee name and contact information
  - CV of nominee (if available)

Please contact [aacnmentors@gmail.com](mailto:aacnmentors@gmail.com) with any questions.