

AACN STAC 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.

Mentorship Excellence Award

- AACN STAC 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 STAC 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 **March 17**.
 - The winner will be announced **May 1**.
- 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 & Trainee 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 answer at least some or all of the guiding questions below. Letters should be sent to aacnmentors@gmail.com:
 1. Statement of professional credentials and expertise.
 2. What qualities and characteristics make your mentor a role model for you? (example: demonstrates competence, leadership abilities, communication skills)
 3. In what ways has your mentor provided you with guidance, advice, and support during your training journey?
 4. How has your mentor inspired and encouraged you?

5. How has your mentor contributed to your intellectual growth and personal development?
 6. How does your mentor demonstrate their passion for mentoring/training others?
- Nominating mentee name and contact information
 - CV of nominee (if available)

Please contact aacnmentors@gmail.com with any questions.