

# ACJS Doctoral Summit

## Call for Participants 2025

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The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences would like to invite 40 advanced doctoral students from accredited doctoral programs to participate in the ACJS Doctoral Summit during the 2025 annual meeting. The conference will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> in Denver, CO.

### **Scholarship**

Students selected to participate in the Summit will be awarded a scholarship that includes the conference registration fee, a printed research poster, one meal, and hotel lodging with an assigned, same-gender roommate from another university for three nights (Wednesday March 12, Thursday March 13, and Friday March 14). Students who successfully complete all of the requirements will receive a certificate of completion and official recognition as a Doctoral Fellow of ACJS by the Academy.

### **Eligibility Conditions**

Advanced doctoral students with a minimum 3.5 GPA are encouraged to apply. Advanced doctoral students are those who are done with classes, have taken their qualifying exams (or their program's equivalent progress marker), or have completed their prospectus. Potential applicants do not have to meet all three criteria to be considered eligible, but they should be further along in their degree progress than newer students. Students must submit both the online form and application packet to be considered. Those who have previously been awarded are not eligible. Students must be willing to share a room with another same gender student from a different university. Roommates will be assigned by ACJS; scholarship recipients may not select their own roommates. Candidates who are unable or unwilling to share a room with another same gender student from a different University will not be eligible for the scholarship.

### **Scholarship Requirements and Expectations**

1. Participants must complete 8 hours and 45 minutes of professional development training, plus attend the ACJS DSS Orientation & Research Symposium, the Presidential Address, and Debriefing Dinner for another 4 hours and 15 minutes of participation time.
2. Students will present a 15–20-minute poster presentation on their research at the Orientation & Research Symposium. Poster costs are covered by the Doctoral Summit scholarship.
3. Participants will prepare for the professional development training sessions by completing several short readings prior to the Summit. The professional development training will be covered in six required sessions and one additional session of the participants choosing:

#### Required Sessions

- Juggling the Work-Life Balance
- Managing Stress and Maintaining Sanity while Pursuing Your Ph.D.
- Navigating the Job Market 1 & 2
- Identity-Based Barriers in Academia 1 & 2

#### Options for Additional Sessions

- Tips for Completing the Dissertation

- Academia Beyond Borders
  - Action-Research/Community Engagement
  - Careers Outside of Academia
  - Tips for Junior Faculty Members
  - Audience-Driven Research Communication
4. A scholarship recipient may only miss *one* 75-minute required session because s/he is presenting research at another scheduled panel, and s/he is the first-author of that paper. The session must then be made up by attending another optional session so that the total time in Doctoral Summit sessions equates to 13 hours. Students who have more than one scheduling conflict with Summit events will be excluded from participating. The scholarship will be rescinded and offered to another student. Recipients *must* notify Dr. Button of any schedule conflicts when completing the Scholarship Agreement and Acceptance Form.
  5. Students who are selected to participate must complete the Scholarship Agreement and Acceptance Form by December 30, register for the conference, using the promo code (TBD), by January 15, and upload their research poster file by February 1. Those who fail to complete these tasks will be excluded from any Summit benefits and participation in closed sessions.
  6. The scholarship recipient must either join a Section or volunteer to serve on one of the Academy's standing committees and/or Section committees in the year following the Summit to demonstrate their investment in the Academy.

### **Application Materials and Submission Deadline**

Applicants may self-nominate and should submit their own application package. It is *not* required that graduate program directors nominate candidates for the scholarship. There is no limit on the number of students who may apply from each program. In addition to the ACJS Doctoral Summit [online application](#), the following materials should be submitted in order as one pdf file to Dr. Deeanna Button at [deeanna.button@stockton.edu](mailto:deeanna.button@stockton.edu) by **October 15 2024**. Files should be saved as last name, first initial (e.g., Button, D.). Please look for a confirmation of receipt within 48 business hours.

- Cover letter of no more than 500 words
- One letter of recommendation
- Current curriculum vitae
- Current official or unofficial transcript

### **Scholarship Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed by the ACJS Doctoral Summit organizers. Each applicant will receive a separate score for their cover letter, recommendation letter, and curriculum vitae. Applicants with the highest scores will be invited to participate. The following criteria will be used in the scoring process:

- Minimum 3.5 GPA requirement
- Cover letter (500-word limit):
  - General indication of desire to participate in the Summit;
  - Discussion of how the Summit may help with professional development, networking, teaching, service, and/or research goals;

- Indication of the participant's interest in joining a Section or volunteering to serve on one of the Academy's standing committees and/or Section committees.
- Recommendation letter with a generally positive review and favorable review of the student's academic, scholarship, and/or leadership achievements.

**Important Dates\***

<b>June 15</b>	First Call for Applications
<b>September 1</b>	Second Call for Applications
<b>October 1</b>	Final Call for Applications
<b>October 15</b>	Deadline to Apply
<b>December 15</b>	Notification of Award
<b>December 30</b>	Deadline to Accept Award
	Deadline to Submit Research Symposium Abstract
<b>January 15</b>	Letter of Acceptance Sent
	Final Roster Announced
	Roommates Assigned and Pre-Summit Tasks Sent
<b>February 1</b>	Deadline to Register for the Conference
	Deadline to Upload Research Poster File
<b>March 5</b>	Final Confirmation of Attendance Due
<b>March 11-15</b>	Denver, CO

\*Dates are approximate and may shift depending on when the preliminary and final ACJS program is published.

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