

NEEPS CALL FOR SOCIETY AWARDS

Per the business meeting of 2017 in Binghamton, NY, this document provides information on designating special status to NEEPS members based on meritorious performance in the field of evolutionary psychology and behavioral sciences. Per the business meeting of 2022 in Pittsburgh, PA, the Board approved the Early Career Award for outstanding early career researchers.

The **NEEPS Lifetime Achievement Award** program recognizes senior scholars from within the NEEPS community, with more than 20 years of postdoctoral experience, who have achieved elite status as scholars in the field and whose work has led to innovations that have discernibly changed the field. In line with NEEPS' mission to support growth, Awardees are those individuals with clear evidence of mentoring students to become evolutionary scholars.

The **NEEPS Fellow Award** program is designed to recognize outstanding work of scholars from within the NEEPS community with more than 10 years of post-doctoral experience and a record of achievement that is recognized as excellent on an international scale.

The **NEEPS Early Career Award** is a special recognition for pre-tenured faculty who have contributed significantly to the society, particularly in light of their tenure demands and the establishment of their research program. The Award is given with the expectation that this scholar will continue to contribute to NEEPS throughout their career.

Currently, nominations and application materials for all awards will be due on February 25 to the NEEPS President (rebecca.burch@oswego.edu).

Award winners will be recognized at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society in New Paltz, NY.

- Nominators are advised that preparation of applications can be done well in advance of these deadlines.
- Applications that are not submitted within this time frame will be sent back and the nominator will be encouraged to re-submit the following year.
- Note that it is possible that no awards will be given in any particular year, depending on the quality of submissions as judged by the board.

Please see full descriptions of awards, criteria, and procedures following this announcement.

NEEPS Lifetime Achievement Award Program

Achieving a NEEPS Lifetime Achievement Award is considered the highest honor one can achieve within NEEPS. It is only considered for **scholars with 20+ years of post-doctoral experience**. A clear record of innovative work that has shaped the field is required of nominees. The focus here is on a combination of **scholarship, mentorship, and legacy**. The NEEPS Board acts as the primary committee for this award – although the president is able to designate a subset of Board members to oversee this process (especially if a board member is up for an award). If a NEEPS board member is up for an award, the president will designate a subset of other board members to act as the recommending body. The president will make the formal determination based on the recommendations received.

Process:

- Any NEEPS member can nominate a NEEPS member for a lifetime achievement award
- The nominee must have 20+ years of post-doctoral experience
- The nominee will have evidence of advancing the broader goals of NEEPS, including such activities as fostering student presentations at NEEPS, supporting outreach to student and early career groups for NEEPS attendance, serving on the NEEPS board, chairing the program for a conference, hosting a conference, etc. or other forms of clear mentorship and engagement.
- The nominator will send the following to the President of NEEPS:
 - A nominating letter outlining the major achievements of the nominee including language that underscores why the nominee deserves such a special honor
 - The nominee's CV
 - Three letters of recommendation from experts in the field – speaking to the scholarly achievements of the nominee with particular language about why they should receive this prestigious award
 - Four papers by the nominee that are deemed to be of particular note.
- Awardees, on a perennial basis, will not pay for registration fees after receipt of their awards.
- A brief ceremony recognizing all awardees will take place at the annual meeting to recognize the accomplishments of incoming fellows lifetime achievement award winners.
- No more than 1 lifetime achievement award will be given out per year – and it is possible that no award will be given in any particular year, depending on the quality of the submissions as judged by the board.
- The applications are due to the NEEPS president no later than 8 weeks prior to the start of an upcoming NEEPS conference.
- Applications that are not submitted within this time frame will be sent back and the nominator will be encouraged to resubmit the following year.
- Applications and queries should be submitted to the President of NEEPS who will consult with the NEEPS board on decisions.

NEEPS Fellow Award Program

Achieving Fellow status in NEEPS is considered a high honor that is only allocated to **scholars with 10+ years of post-doctoral experience (and at least three years of membership in NEEPS)** who have clearly established an international reputation for their work. The NEEPS Board acts as the primary committee for this award – although the president is able to designate a subset of Board members to oversee this process (especially if a board member is up for an award). If a NEEPS board member is up for an award, the president will designate a subset of other board members to act as the recommending body. The president will make the formal determination based on the recommendations received.

Process:

- Any NEEPS member can nominate a NEEPS member for fellow status
- The nominee must have 10+ years of post-doctoral experience
- The nominee will have evidence of advancing the broader goals of NEEPS, including such activities as fostering student presentations at NEEPS, supporting outreach to student and early career groups for NEEPS attendance, serving on the NEEPS board, chairing the program for a conference, hosting a conference, etc. or other forms of clear mentorship and engagement.
- The nominator will send the following to the President of NEEPS:
 - A nominating letter outlining the major achievements of the nominee
 - The nominee's CV
 - Three letters of recommendation from experts in the field – speaking to the scholarly achievements of the nominee with particular language about why they should receive this prestigious award
 - Four of the nominee's papers, chosen based on quality
- NEEPS fellows will, on a perennial basis, not pay for registration fees after receipt of their awards.
- A brief ceremony recognizing awardees will take place at the annual meeting to recognize the accomplishments of incoming fellows.
- Typically no more than 1 Fellow award will be selected each year.
- The applications are due to the NEEPS president no later than 8 weeks prior to the start of an upcoming NEEPS conference.
- Applications that are not submitted within this time frame will be sent back and the nominator will be encouraged to re-submit the following year.
- Note that it is possible that no awards will be given in any particular year, depending on the quality of submissions as judged by the board.

NEEPS Early Career Award

The NEEPS Early Career Award is a special recognition for pre-tenured faculty who have contributed significantly to the society, particularly in light of their tenure demands and the establishment of their research program. Because of their pre-tenure status, this award is allocated to **scholars in their careers between Doctorate and one-year post tenure or ten years post Doctorate. Exceptional non-PhD (but not student) nominations may be considered.** Years of membership in NEEPS is negotiable given geography of the job market, and contributions are weighed more heavily. Awardees should be contributing significantly to the growth and continuation of NEEPS as a society. Awardees should be contributing to the inclusiveness of the society, engaging with faculty and students and providing collaboration and mentorship. Awardees should be active scholars, adhering to and furthering the aims of the society. **The Award is given with the expectation that this scholar will continue to contribute to NEEPS throughout their career.** The NEEPS Board acts as the primary committee for this award - although the president is able to designate a subset of Board members to oversee this process (especially if a board member is up for an award).

Process:

- Any NEEPS member can nominate a NEEPS member for an Early Career Award.
- The nominee must be at maximum 1 year post tenure or 10 years post doctorate
 - Exceptional non-PhD (but not student) nominations may be considered
- The nominee will have evidence of contributing significantly to the growth and continuation of NEEPS as a society, including contributing to the inclusiveness of the society, engaging with faculty and students and providing collaboration and mentorship.
- The nominator will send the following to the President of NEEPS:
 - A nominating letter outlining the major achievements of the nominee
 - The nominee's CV
 - Three letters of recommendation from others in the field (this can include students and mentors) - speaking to the established contributions of the nominee and their potential future endeavors, justifying their appropriateness for this award.
 - Three examples of exceptional scholarly work that can include publications, and academic presentations (this can also include theses).
- The nominee must provide evidence of:
 - Not only engagement in NEEPS but contributions to the growth and continuation of the society.
 - An active research program
 - Collaboration and mentorship with other members of NEEPS
- A brief ceremony recognizing awardees will take place at the annual meeting to recognize the accomplishments of incoming fellows.
- Typically no more than 1 Early Career Award will be selected each year.
- The applications are due to the NEEPS president no later than 8 weeks prior to the start of an upcoming NEEPS conference.

- Applications that are not submitted within this time frame will be sent back and the nominator will be encouraged to re-submit the following year.
- Note that it is possible that no awards will be given in any particular year, depending on the quality of submissions as judged by the board.