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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS **NMCS *RIISING STAR* (Early Career) AWARD**

The coordinating team for the 2026 National Multicultural Conference & Summit (NMCS), themed “Reclaiming Our Stories: From Our Ancestors to Action” is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the ***NMCS Rising Star Award***, which was inaugurated during NMCS 2015. This award recognizes early career psychologists who demonstrate a strong interest in multicultural research, teaching, advocacy, policy, and/or clinical care. It aims to support and uplift emerging leaders committed to advancing the principles of multicultural psychology as they continue to grow within their respective fields.

This is an open call, and four (4) awards will be given.

Who Is Eligible?

Eligible candidates must hold a doctoral degree (PhD, PsyD, or EdD) in psychology from an accredited institution in the U.S. or Canada. Eligible nominees should have **no more than 10 years of professional experience post-doctorate** and/or currently hold the academic rank of Postdoctoral Fellow, Assistant Professor, or a professional equivalent. While the award is primarily intended for early-career psychologists, mid- or later-career psychologists who have recently shifted their professional focus to multicultural psychology in a meaningful way will also be considered.

Required Nomination Materials

The selection committee will consist of members of the 2026 NMCS planning committee. Materials are evaluated on the basis of the candidate’s accomplishments and activities and their commitment to multicultural psychology topics and concerns.

- A complete nomination should include a cover page with the nominee's name, current place of work, and the name of the award (i.e., Rising Star Award). A cover letter from the nominator should outline the rationale for the nomination and highlight key aspects of the nominee’s professional focus. Primary consideration will be given to the quality, significance, and sustained contributions of the nominee’s work, with particular emphasis on candidates who have demonstrated a clear and long-standing commitment to the vision and principles of multicultural psychology. The review committee also values evidence of thoughtful, programmatic contributions that reflect the nominee’s lasting impact on the field.
- A current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee
- A statement (no more than 1 page) from the lead nominator outlining the nominee’s career goals and the specific objectives for the upcoming year, particularly as they relate to multicultural psychology.



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- If applicable, links to samples of the nominee's work (e.g., articles, blogs, social media platforms, etc.) may be included to provide additional context or visibility into their contributions.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation that speak to the nominee's qualifications and impact.

Nomination Materials Checklist

1. Email subject line: Award Nomination Rising Star Award
2. Cover Letter & Statement by the lead nominator
3. Candidate's Curriculum Vitae or Resume
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation
5. Any additional materials

Please **email** all nomination materials in **one PDF file** to Tina Lincourt, PhD, at tina.nmcs@gmail.com and Samantha LaMartine, PsyD, at samantha.nmcs@gmail.com 2026 NMCS Awards & Entertainment Coordinator) by September 19th, 2025, at 11:59 PM PST.