



The Editorial Board of *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* announces our Career Development Award for the most outstanding paper submitted by an early career scholar. The award includes publication in the journal on an expedited review and publication timeline, and a \$500 cash prize. Winners will also be featured in a blogpost on our [blog](#).

Deadline for submission is April 15, 2026. Submissions must be submitted through our online submission portal, include AWARD (all capitals, please) in the title box of the submission, and include a cover letter that indicates: the title of the paper, a statement of why a Career Development Award would be helpful at this stage of the applicant's career, and the year of receipt of the terminal degree and the awarding institution for all authors listed on the paper. Papers not meeting these requirements will pass into the regular review process for the journal and will not receive consideration for the award.

Authors must be willing to respond to reviewers within a month of receiving reviews to make the expedited timeline feasible. A decision on the winner will be made in November, in time for recognition at the American Anthropological Association conference. The paper will also be placed in a Prize Paper collection containing all of our awardees.

The criteria for eligibility and evaluation are as follows:

This award is aimed toward early career scholars, and hence applicants should be within 10 years of receiving an MD, PhD, PsyD or equivalent degree. Papers with multiple authors can be considered but each co-author must meet the 10-year since terminal degree criteria for an early career scholar.

Papers should be on topics/themes and with methodological approaches that are within the [aims and scope](#) (follow link for description) of the journal *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* (CMP). Only papers that fit the criteria for [Original](#) Research Articles (follow link for description) will be considered. We will not consider papers that are Clinical or Cultural Case Studies nor Commentaries, Opinions, Perspectives or Book Reviews for the award.

Papers should be written in clear language, have a concise argument, use social science theory and methodologies, involve primary research or clinical practice, and make an innovative and outstanding contribution to the fields covered by CMP. Papers should not be under consideration elsewhere.

Papers should conform to the stylistic format and ethical values (including human subjects review) of the journal and be no longer than 8,000 words (not including references). Please consult the journal website for further details on the [submission process](#). Questions about the award can be directed to Elizabeth Nickrenz at feine@duq.edu.