Objective

The Social Justice Awards were created to recognize individuals who have exemplified the philosophies of Dr. King through random or ongoing acts of community service, social justice or racial reconciliation. Social justice means ensuring individuals and groups receive fair treatment and share equally in the benefits of society.

Eligibility

1. **Faculty Nominees** must be full-time faculty. All full-time non-tenured track and tenured track faculty are welcome to apply.
2. **Staff Nominees** must be full-time, permanent employees.
3. **Student Nominees** must be full-time students who are actively involved in campus life and in good academic and social standing.

Selection Process

A subcommittee of the MLK Committee will evaluate nominations and applications, select finalists, and recommend one award winner in each category for approval by the MLK Committee.

Faculty Criteria

The faculty award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

1. **Teaching**: development and implementation of effective strategies for teaching that advance understanding of underrepresented groups in the field of instruction and/or for advancing the education of students from underrepresented groups in the nominee's field of instruction, to include activities such as classroom instruction; director of independent study, thesis and dissertation; and mentoring.
2. **Research or Creative Work**: new knowledge or creative work that advances understanding of underrepresented groups in the nominee's field of study and/or has the potential to improve the quality of life among underrepresented groups in the nominee's field of study.
3. **Service/Outreach**: activities that promote the professional and/or academic advancement of underrepresented groups in the nominee's field of study; contributions to diversity and equal opportunity in the university through activities such as recruitment and mentoring of faculty and students; activities which promote the wellbeing of underrepresented communities in the nominee's field of study.
Staff Criteria

The staff award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

1. **Community Service**: efforts to provide service to underrepresented persons or communities; this service should be beyond the scope of the individual’s job-related or University-assigned duties and responsibility.

2. **Racial Reconciliation**: efforts to bridge the gap that often exist between differing groups; these acts range from personal examples to community outreach, to promoting education and understanding of differences.

3. **Social Justice Outreach**: efforts to ensure the fair treatment of oppressed, abused, or underprivileged groups or individuals; these efforts should be beyond the scope of the individual’s job-related or University-assigned duties and responsibilities.

Student Criteria

The student award will recognize outstanding accomplishments and general impact in any or all of the following areas:

1. **Community Service**: efforts to provide service to underrepresented persons or communities; this service can be through a student organization or through the student’s own personal community involvements.

2. **Racial Reconciliation**: efforts to bridge the gap that often exist between differing groups on campus; these acts range from personal examples to community outreach, to promoting education and understanding of differences.

3. **Social Justice Outreach**: efforts to ensure the fair treatment of oppressed, abused, or underprivileged groups or individual on campus or in the community.
2018 Social Justice Awards Application
All applications are due on Friday, November 24, 2017 by 5:00 pm.

Please provide information about the nominee:

Nominee: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Position or Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: _________________________________ Department: ___________________________________________________________

Campus Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Supervisor: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Information on person making the nomination:

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Title: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

E-mail address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature: _____________________________________________________________ Date: _________________________________

This is for the: Faculty Award _______ Staff Award _______ Student Award _______

When providing a nomination, please do the following:

1. Submit your nomination letter as a Word or PDF document and sign it electronically.
2. Describe the nominee’s commitment to actively exemplifying the philosophies of Dr. King through acts of community service, social justice, and/or racial conciliation.
3. E-mail this form, a nomination letter, a picture of the nominee, and brief biography of the nominee to Jabari Bodrick at jbodrick@sc.edu by Friday, November 24, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Social Justice Awards Committee
Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Osborne Administration Building
Room 107B
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29208
(803) 777-9943
divein@mailbox.sc.edu