



UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina

ASPH – Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Undergraduate Student Award for Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Purpose: This award will recognize an outstanding undergraduate student who has made exceptional contributions to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) through Advocacy, Community Engagement, Research, and/or Practice.

Eligibility: This award is open to any undergraduate student in the ASPH (major in Public Health or Exercise Science).

Nomination Process: Applicants for this award must be nominated by a ASPH faculty member, ASPH advisor, or peer within the ASPH. The nominator must provide evidence on the applicant's commitment to DEI through advocacy, community engagement, research, and/or practice.

The final application packet should include the following components:

1. Nomination letter that provides evidence of advocacy, community engagement, research, and/or practice to support the contributions advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
2. Current Resume
3. Two additional letters of support from University of South Carolina faculty, staff, students, and/or community partners that speak to the Applicant's commitment to DEI. Please note letters of support should not exceed one single-spaced page in length and will be in addition to the letter of nomination described above.

Criteria: Applications should describe activities related to Advocacy, Community Engagement, Research, and/or Practice.

- **Advocacy** – Promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, dignity, respect, and social justice within the Arnold School, the University of South Carolina, and/or broader community.

AND/OR

- **Community Engagement** – Demonstrating engagement in efforts to eliminate inequities in the areas of public health or education. Efforts prioritize areas identified by community members and focus on functional, meaningful outcomes.

AND/OR

- **Research** – Conducting research focused on understanding and/or disrupting disparities experienced by marginalized groups (including but not limited to groups identified by race, ethnicity, national origin, language background, gender, sexual/gender identity, age, pregnancy and childbirth, religion, ability status, protected veterans, socioeconomic status, and/or immigration status).

AND/OR

- **Practice** – Integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion into practice (implementation of community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice, or capstone experience).

Submission Process

Application packets must be combined into a single PDF document and submitted to dsellers@mailbox.sc.edu by **Monday March 20, 2023**. Please include the name of the nominee and "ASPH DEI Award" in the subject line of the email. The winner will be recognized on **April 15, 2023**. This award includes a cash prize of \$500.