

2026 Ivan Sun Young Scholar Outstanding Research Award

Call for Nomination

The **Ivan Sun Young Scholar Outstanding Research Award Committee** is accepting nominations to honor a young scholar for exceptional contributions to criminology and criminal justice. The award recognizes outstanding work focusing on Greater China (e.g., Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau) or Chinese communities abroad. The recipient will be acknowledged at the 2026 ACCCJ Annual General Meeting and receive a \$500 cash prize and certificate.

Eligibility

1. Must be a person who received one's doctoral degree within the **past five years** (i.e., for the 2026 award cycle, the degree must have been awarded in or after May 2021), and an **untentured faculty member**;
2. Must be an **ACCCJ member** by the award nomination deadline;
3. Must demonstrate scholarly contributions, including, but not limited to, peer-reviewed journal articles, books, monographs, book chapters, or grants;
4. Must NOT be a member of the Award Committee;
5. Self-nominations are NOT acceptable.

Nomination Materials

The nomination package should consist of:

1. A nomination letter by a senior scholar (i.e., at the rank of associate or above or equivalent of the rank), assessing the nominee's scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology and criminal justice;
2. The nominees' curriculum vita (including entire research record after graduating from the Ph.D. program); and
3. Up to two published works (e.g., articles, books, etc.).

Nomination Deadline

August 1, 2026

Submission

Nominator shall send all nomination documents **in one PDF file** to the Committee Chair: Jessica Li (cmjli@polyu.edu.hk), and copy to: Miss Charling Wong (charling.wong@connect.polyu.hk); Siying Guo (hp6625@wayne.edu)

Selection Procedure

The Award Committee will evaluate and rank nominees based on their overall scholarly contributions to criminology, criminal justice, and/or policy development. At the Committee's discretion, multiple awardees may be selected, with the \$500 prize divided equally among them. The Committee may also choose not to recommend an award in a given year. All recommendations are subject to review and approval by the ACCCJ Board, which reserves the right to withhold the award if deemed appropriate.