

Christopher Peter Aluah Outstanding Doctoral Student Award

About the Award

This award is presented to an outstanding HPEB doctoral candidate who best demonstrates the highest level of rigor, commitment, and ethics in research as exemplified by the work of Christopher Peter Aluah, a HPEB doctoral student who passed away in the spring of 2015. During his time at ASPH, Mr. Aluah demonstrated tremendous commitment to his scholarly pursuits – incorporating both innovation and excellence into his work. He was well respected among his peers as well as in his country of origin – Ghana. To memorialize his life and academic achievements, the HPEB Outstanding Doctoral Student Award was renamed in 2017 in his honor and is presented to an outstanding doctoral candidate graduating from HPEB who best exemplifies exceptional scholarship, leadership, and service. Eligible candidates must have graduated in December or be planning to graduate in May or August of the current academic year. Students are nominated for this award by HPEB faculty and are selected based on their academic performance and achievements and their potential for professional contribution.

Award criteria

- Academic achievement as indicated by the nominee's grades and grade point average
- Demonstrated track record of meaningful and relevant research, and/or practical application in the field of health promotion, education, and behavior

- Demonstrated service to HPEB, ASPH, USC, and/or the community
- Exhibit professionalism in their classes and interactions with public health professionals (e.g., dissertation and/or practicum, graduate assistantship)

Procedure for Nominating a Doctoral Student

Faculty nominating a student should complete the attached nomination form. Please submit the nomination to Dr. Brie Turner-McGrievy (brie@sc.edu), Chair of the HPEB Scholarship and Award Committee by March 25. This nomination should be submitted as **one** file and include:

- Student name and doctoral degree being received;
- Evaluation of the nominee's overall academic performance and professionalism;
- Description of the nature, importance, and possible contribution of their research to the field of health promotion, education, and behavior;
- Description of their track record that shows high potential for future scholarly success;
- Short discussion of the nominee's distinguishing personal characteristics (e.g., leadership skills, communication skills, and service activities);
- *From the student:* a CV, letter of application, an unofficial academic transcript, and a one-page abstract of the student's dissertation.

March 25th

Selection Process

The selection committee will review all applications and inform students of the award outcomes. This application should be submitted as **one** file and must be received no later than March 25th.

Selection Committee Members

The HPEB Scholarship and Awards Committee will select the winner of the award.

Nomination Deadline

If you have questions concerning eligibility, procedures, or criteria for selection, please contact Dr. Brie Turner-McGrievy (brie@sc.edu).



Nomination Form

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Deadline: March 25th

Nominee: _____

Doctoral degree being received: PhD DrPH

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Address (mailing): _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by: _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____

Please provide a statement of the qualifications of the nominee (in a separate letter of nomination). Please note that this statement should address both the evaluation of the nominee's overall academic performance and professionalism, service to HPEB, ASPH, and the community, as well as a description of the nature, importance, and possible contribution of their research to the field of health promotion, education, and behavior. Also include a short discussion of the nominee's distinguishing personal characteristics; these may be leadership skills, communication skills, etc.).

The letter of nomination must be typed and submitted with the completed nomination form via email to Dr. Brie Turner-McGrievy (brie@sc.edu), Chair of the HPEB Scholarship and Awards Committee, by March 25th.