



The 2016 Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research

Presented by the International Center for Research on Women

Call for Nominations

Deadline: Midnight, EST Friday, October 14, 2016

The Paula Kantor Award for Excellence in Field Research recognizes and honors outstanding achievement in the fields of gender and women's and girls' empowerment. This award will be presented to a young female researcher who is a citizen of a country in sub-Saharan Africa and is conducting research in sub-Saharan Africa, contributing to the evidence base supporting policies and programs that build gender equity.

Criteria for eligibility for the 2016 award

- The award is open to women researchers under the age of 40 who are citizens of countries in sub-Saharan Africa;
- The research or body of work should take place in sub-Saharan Africa, with a primary focus on women's and girls' empowerment;
- The social sciences research should contribute to filling gaps in evidence, which are important to understanding the best solutions for improving the lives of women and girls. The research methodology may utilize quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods;
- Outcomes of the research should have been shared with the research community, and/or with relevant stakeholders with respect to the nominees' work; and
- Findings should have been disseminated through relevant reports, peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, multi-media campaigns or similar communications channels. Co-authored publications or joint dissemination activities are also permissible.

Guidelines for nominations

- Nominations **must** be made by a third-party. Researchers cannot nominate themselves;
- Nominees must be a citizen of a country in sub-Saharan Africa and the professional work for which she is being nominated must be based primarily in a sub-Saharan African country;

- For nominations to be considered, the nomination form and the questionnaire highlighting the nominee's contributions and why they're deserving of the award must be fully completed. Responses on the questionnaire should be focused and succinct and document the impact and relevance of the nominee's contributions. A curriculum vitae and biography must also be included in nomination submission.

Selection Committee

The nominees will be evaluated by an initial screening panel appointed by ICRW and the nominees who pass this screening will be shortlisted for evaluation by an independent selection committee of development practitioners, academics and researchers, business professionals, policy experts, and civil society leaders with deep knowledge of the African continent and the field of gender and international development.

Evaluation criteria for the award

The selection committee will evaluate submissions based on the following:

- The nominee's use of a robust research methodology following ethical protocols for conducting research;
- The nominee's use of innovative practices within the program's activities and their implementation; and measures to ensure sustainability;
- A strong gender focused conceptualization of research/body of work, with appropriate and relevant data gathering techniques, analysis, and interpretations. This exercise may or may not be linked to a specific programs or evaluation.

Past recipients

The inaugural recipient of this award was:

Dr. Soumya Gupta of India, a post-doctoral fellow with the Tata-Cornell Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative at Cornell University

Deadline & Award Process

The deadline for nominations is **midnight EST, Friday, October 14, 2016.**

Nominators should complete the [nomination form](#) and questionnaire and submit the additionally required documentation electronically in PDF format to awards@icrw.org by the October 14th deadline. An email confirmation will be sent acknowledging submission.

The award committee will evaluate the nominees and their work and select the winner, who will be notified and whose name would be announced on the ICRW website along with a short abstract of their work on **Wednesday, November 9, 2016**.

The award will be presented to the winner at the **launch of ICRW's Africa Regional Office in Kampala, Uganda in early December 2016**.

To download the nomination form, please [click here](#).

For more information about the Paula Kantor Award, please contact awards@icrw.org.

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