



# South Carolina

## ASPH – Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

### Faculty Award for Excellence in Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research or Practice

**Purpose:** To recognize outstanding ASPH faculty who demonstrate excellence in public health scholarship that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) through Research or Practice and Community Engagement and/or Teaching.

**Eligibility:** Candidates must be a current faculty member in the ASPH with a minimum of three years of service at the University of South Carolina.

**Nomination:** Nominee for this award must be nominated by a ASPH faculty, ASPH staff, or community partners. The nominator must provide evidence on the applicant's commitment to DEI through research or practice, and community engagement and/or teaching.

The final application packet should include the following components:

1. Nomination letter that describes the Applicant's contributions to advancing DEI through research (e.g., scientific manuscripts, grants/funding, and presentations) or practice (implementation of community programs, policy development, health education, clinical practice). The nomination letter can also describe the Applicant's commitment to DEI through community engagement and/or teaching.
2. Current CV and/or Resume.
3. Include 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.

**Criteria:** Applications should describe activities in Research **or** Practice, **and** Community Engagement **and/or** teaching.

- **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). Priority will be given to multidisciplinary research that will have a positive impact on marginalized communities (e.g., building community capacity, emphasizing empowerment, developing leadership, promoting health advocacy).

**OR**

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

**AND**

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

**AND / OR**

- **Teaching** – Integrating DEI into curriculum and teaching/mentoring, drawing on innovative pedagogical methods that prioritize collaborative classroom engagement, contextualize inequality within broader contexts and systems, and/or challenge deficit perspectives and narratives that contribute to marginalization.

#### Submission Process

Application packets must be combined into a single PDF document and submitted to [dsellers@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:dsellers@mailbox.sc.edu) by **Monday April 18, 2022**. Please include the name of the nominee and "ASPH DEI Award" in the subject line of the email. The winner will be awarded on **Monday May 2, 2022**. This award includes a cash prize of \$1000.