



The [Social Theory Research Cluster](#) is now accepting submissions for our Best Student Paper Award. In keeping with the cluster's commitment to "bring together sociologists who identify as theorists, whose work engages with theoretical questions, or who simply care passionately about the future of social theory in Canada," the paper must address themes broadly related to social theory.

Up to three recipients will be selected from among all papers submitted, based on student level (undergraduate, MA, or PhD)

Eligibility Criteria

- Primary Author of Submitted Paper
- Canadian Sociological Association membership in good standing
- Undergraduate student, MA Student OR PhD Student

Authorship of Nominated Paper:

- Sole authored OR Co-authored with another student (Undergraduate, MA, or PhD)

Conference Presentation of Nominated Paper

- Paper may be presented in any CSA Conference 2025 session (either virtually or in-person)
- Session does not have to be affiliated with the Social Theory research cluster

Nominated Paper Status

- Unpublished and not yet approved for publication

Nominated Paper Format

- Word length requirements. For MA or PhD submissions: minimum 4000 words, maximum 6000 words. For undergraduate submissions: minimum 2500 words, maximum 4000 words
- At this time, only English language submissions can be accepted

Submission Instructions

We will accept submissions by nominators or by self-nomination until the deadline of **April 30, 2025**.

Email a copy of the paper (in PDF) format along with the information below to the current STRC Chair (tara.milbrandt@ualberta.ca)

- Include the title, an abstract (200-250 words), and 3-5 keywords. As part of the abstract, include a brief statement about the paper's theoretical contribution.
- Primary author's name, email address, affiliation (academic institution), and student level (undergraduate, MA, PhD).
- Co-author(s) name(s), affiliation(s), and student level(s).
- The CSA conference session in which the paper is being presented
- The author(s) are welcome to self-identify as a member of any equity deserving community.