



The Dick Cone Award for Graduate Engaged Scholarship

At USC there is a long tradition of undergraduate service-learning. Every year, thousands of undergraduates hone civic skills and apply academic concepts through community service in local schools and organizations. The civic and community engagement work of graduate students at USC is less well recognized, however—despite the fact that many graduate students produce engaged scholarship or provide advanced professional skills that support the public good.

Named in honor of Richard “Dick” Cone—JEP’s Executive Director from 1980-2002—the Cone Award is intended to honor and recognize the efforts of graduate students who bring advanced awareness and skills to address specific needs in the community. This work can take a variety of forms, including:

- A research project conducted with or on behalf of a community agency or organization;
- A film, article or other media project that addresses community concerns, gives voice to and/or assists community agencies or institutions in carrying out their missions;
- Curricula designed to address some identified community need;
- An established or pilot program that is structured in such a way that it will be maintained beyond the time the student is guiding it;
- A grant proposal written with or on behalf of a community agency or institution
- Pro bono professional consultation
- Any other work that promotes community development/empowerment

One student will be named the 2018-19 Cone Scholar and will be recognized at the annual JEP Volunteer Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 11. The honor comes with a \$500 stipend. All Master and Doctoral students are eligible. *Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.*

Send nominations by Friday, March 9, 2019 to Dr. Samantha Bernstein-Sierra, JEP’s Assistant Director for Research & Academic Affairs: srbernst@usc.edu. Please include the following:

- 1. A copy of the student’s CV.**
- 2. A brief (~1-2 pages) justification explaining why the student is worthy of recognition, based on the above or similar criteria.**

Please email or call Samantha Bernstein-Sierra (srbernst@usc.edu, 213-740-1858) or stop by the JEP House for more information.