



2026 Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Outstanding Early-Career Woman Scholar Award

Nomination deadline: April 15, 2026.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Award, which honors an early-career woman-identifying scholar who demonstrates outstanding research and potential for future scholarship. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. All nominees must be current members of AEJMC.

Sponsored by the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University and the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women, this award is designed to honor early-career women faculty researchers and encourage them as they pursue their research agendas in the academy.

An early-career faculty member is defined as a scholar who has earned a Ph.D. but does not yet have tenure. Nominees are preferably on the tenure track, but scholars with no more than five (5) years of teaching experience at a college or university may also be considered.

To nominate a scholar, please upload a single PDF file containing: 1) a letter outlining the nominee's qualifications; 2) a one-page summary of the nominee's research agenda; and 3) the nominee's CV.

We welcome nominations for scholars from diverse cultural backgrounds and institutions, including international scholars. Because outstanding scholarship can manifest in multiple ways, we encourage the nomination letters and research statements to explicitly highlight the candidates' unique strengths. Both quantity and quality will be considered.

The winner will be chosen by a panel of scholars and honored with a \$250 cash award and a plaque in August 2026 at the AEJMC conference in New Orleans. The award will be presented by Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, dean emeritus and professor at Florida International University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Award nominations must be submitted using [this online form](#). Please direct any questions to the award committee chair, Dr. Deborah J. Danuser, at deborah.danuser@gmail.com.