



AEJMC Tankard Book Award Call

Nominations are due January 15, 2026.

AEJMC's Standing Committee on Research invites nominations for the 2026 Tankard Book Award.

This prestigious award recognizes the most outstanding book in the field of journalism and communication, honoring authors whose work embodies excellence in research, writing, and creativity. First presented in 2007, the award is named in honor of Dr. James Tankard, Jr., the posthumous recipient of AEJMC's 2006 Eleanor Blum Distinguished Service to Research Award, former editor of *Journalism Monographs* and a longtime journalism professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Eligible authors, who must be current AEJMC members as of December 31, 2025, may nominate their own first-edition scholarly book or an edited volume published in 2025 that advances the field of journalism and communication. Only books with a copyright of 2025 are eligible for consideration. Entries must be in print by December 31, 2025, to qualify. Self-published works are not eligible. Nominated books may be co-authored or co-edited and should be well written and break new ground. The AEJMC Elected Standing Committee on Research particularly encourages the consideration and nomination of works by diverse authors, including women and individuals from underrepresented groups.

Nominations are due by January 15, 2026. Finalists—including a winner and two unranked runners-up—will be notified in June 2026. Finalists will be invited to discuss their work at the Tankard Book Award panel during the 2026 AEJMC Annual Conference, which will be held August 5-8 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The finalists must agree to register for the conference and attend the panel.

To nominate a book, please submit the following to Felicia@aejmc.org at AEJMC headquarters with the email subject line "Tankard Book Award Nomination" no later than January 15, 2026:

- 1) a nomination letter that includes the book's title, author(s) or editor(s), copyright date, publisher, ISBN, and a brief explanation of the book's contribution to the field of journalism and mass communication;
- 2) the author's phone number and email address;
- 3) a statement that reads: "As the author/editor of this title nominated for the 2026 Tankard Book Award, I guarantee that if my book is chosen as a finalist, I will attend the Tankard Book Award session at the 2026 AEJMC Conference as a registered participant"; and
- 4) a digital copy of the book for consideration (PDF format preferred). Please note, the digital copy will be shared exclusively with a small number of reviewers and for the sole purpose of the award review process. It is the responsibility of the authors to coordinate with their publisher to obtain and

submit this digital copy. If password protection or restricted access is necessary due to the publisher's policies, please ensure that the file can be accessed by multiple reviewers using a single password. If access to the digital copy is limited to one person per file, then six separate digital copies must be submitted.

Only complete nomination packets will be considered. The Elected Standing Committee on Research reserves the right not to present the award in any given year. Queries about the award should be emailed to research@aejmc.org.