Purpose of Award

The John D. Thompson Prize for Young Investigators was established to honor John D. Thompson, a professor of health administration education, who set teaching, commitment to learning, collegial relationships, and health services research standards which are without peer.

The Prize recognizes young investigators based on their contributions to the research literature in the field of health services. The Prize is awarded to a faculty member from an AUPHA member program whose work may be in any of the several fields or disciplines contributing to knowledge in health services.

Purpose of Committee

The committee evaluates the nominations based on established criteria and selects an awardee. The Committee is also charged with reviewing and, as needed, modifying the criteria.

Role of Chair

- Convenes committee conference calls to review the nomination letter, CV and publications of each nominee submitted.
- Breaks any tie that may occur in the selection process.
- Determines if the nomination or selection process needs to be changed or modified.
- Introduces the Prize winner at the Annual Meeting and presents the award.

Role of Member

- Attends via conference call the meetings called by the chair.
- Reviews the nominations submitted and sent to them by the chair/AUPHA staff in accordance with the established selection process.
- Ranks the nominations based on the established criteria.
- Works toward consensus on the selection of a winner.
- Attends the award ceremony held during the Annual Meeting

Term of Office

The term of office is for three years running from July-June.

Timing and Frequency of Meetings

The majority of the committee work takes place in mid-spring after the nominations have been received. Usually, no more than two conference call meetings are necessary.