

# Alicia Cascallar Award FAQ

1. *What are the criteria that the Alicia Cascallar award committee uses to define Early Career Scholar?* An individual who has received his/her doctoral degree within 5 years of the 2022 annual meeting, and who is not established in the psychometric or measurement fields. Individuals who are established in the psychometric or measurement fields include individuals who have authored a significant number of publications related to this field or who have 10 or more years of professional experience in the field, irrespective of when a doctoral degree was awarded. If you have questions regarding whether you are eligible to apply, please email the committee chair your curriculum vitae. The committee members will read your vitae to make a decision regarding your eligibility.
2. *I received a doctorate degree within five years of the 2022 meeting, I am not an established professional in the psychometric or measurement fields, but I have published several papers in my doctoral study. Can I apply?* Yes. With no established professional experience in the field, you are still considered an early career scholar.
3. *I have submitted an application but was not selected as the recipient. Can I resubmit my application the following year?* Yes. There is currently no limit to the number of times that you can submit an application. The committee has sometimes received several excellent papers and can award only one of those papers in any given year. While repeated submissions are accepted, they are not given any preference over new submissions.
4. *I am not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.. Can I still apply?* Yes. We encourage early career international scholars to apply.
5. *Can I submit all application materials either as a hardcopy via regular mail or electronically via email?* No. The paper must be sent electronically via email. The other application materials, including the candidate's curriculum vitae, the letter of nomination, and letters of recommendation, can be submitted either as a hardcopy via regular mail or electronically via email to the committee chair.
6. *Can I submit my application later than the posted deadline?* No. Any application materials that are received later than the deadline for the award, either via e-mail or via regular mail, will be discarded. Please send materials at least a week ahead of the deadline via mail or a few days ahead of the deadline via email. The chair of the committee will send a confirmation email when the application materials are complete.
7. *Are there any formatting requirements for the letter of nomination?* No.

8. *Will my application be evaluated by several persons?* Yes. Every application will be evaluated by every member of the Alicia Cascallar award committee. There are currently eight committee members, many of whom have a Ph.D. in an area related to educational measurement.
9. *Will my application be evaluated according to multiple criteria?* Yes. The application will be evaluated using a 5-point scale (poor, fair, good, very good, excellent) on several criteria that characterize the paper (e.g., contribution to field, technical quality, writing clarity, and overall quality).
10. *Do you receive a large number of applications?* Not so far. We certainly hope that this number will increase in the coming years.
11. *Will I receive anything in particular if I am selected as a recipient?* Yes. You will receive a \$1000 award and a commemorative plaque, which will be presented to you at a ceremony during the annual meeting of NCME that follows the application deadline. You will also receive a waiver of the NCME conference fees for the annual meeting at which the award will be presented. There are no specific restrictions on how you use the monetary award. Note, however, that the award does not include transportation, lodging, membership, or reservation fees to the NCME conference, which are your responsibility should you be chosen as the award recipient.
12. *Do I have to do anything if I am selected as a recipient?* Yes. It is expected that you attend the annual meeting of NCME to accept the award. You will also need to become an NCME member if you were not a member by the time you receive the Award.
13. *Can I donate money to the award?* Yes. We are delighted that you would want to financially support other researchers and contribute to this award. You can contribute as an individual or as an organization and donations of any amount are welcome. You will be acknowledged as a contributor on the website of the award unless you specifically indicate that you do not want to be named. Supporting the fund is easy and can be done via the following institution:

The Alicia Cascallar Memorial Fund/PACF  
15 Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

14. *Can I contribute in other ways to the award?* Yes. The award committee would like to solicit your suggestions about other means for making this award more meaningful to education measurement researchers that wish to honor Alicia Cascallar and her work. If you have any suggestions or would like to make a contribution to the award that is of a non-financial nature, please contact the committee chair.
15. *I am interested in participating on the award committee. Is that possible?* Yes. We are delighted that you consider serving on this committee! The committee currently consists of eight members and membership is on a rotating basis with three-year memberships. If you are interested in serving on the awards committee, please do not hesitate to contact the committee chair.