

**Early Career Award:
Health Decision Making Special Interest Group of the Society of Behavioral Medicine**

The Health Decision Making (HDM) Special Interest Group (SIG) Early Career Award recognizes a junior scholar who has made, and has the potential to continue making, substantial positive contributions to health decision making research and/or practice. Nominees should demonstrate a record of high-quality publications, exhibit methodological strength, rigor, and transparency, and have advanced our knowledge of health decision making. Self-nominations or nominations by another individual are welcome. Nominees will be evaluated commensurate with the number of years post-PhD. Applicants who are from an underrepresented background as defined by NIH: <https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented> and/or applicants with research that focuses on underrepresented populations will be prioritized for this award. The winner will be announced in February, 2022 and recognized at the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) annual meeting in April, 2022 with a plaque. Nominations are due by December 15th, 2021.

To be eligible for this award, scholars must:

- 1) Be a member of the Health Decision Making Special Interest Group of SBM during the year of nomination
- 2) Have received their doctoral degree within the past 10 years (i.e., not before December 2011). Those with post-degree clinical training (e.g. internship or residency) must be fewer than ten years past completion of their clinical training. Exceptions of up to 2 years will be considered on an as-needed basis for candidates who have taken time away from their career. Please include a separate statement with the rationale for the exception.

To nominate yourself or a colleague for this award, please submit the following materials by email to courtney.scherr@northwestern.edu and CC marleahdeank@usf.edu. Please use the subject line: HDM SIG EARLY CAREER AWARD SUBMISSION.

- 1) A 1 page statement addressing the nomination criteria and contributions of the scholar based on the evaluation criteria listed below.
 - a. Please indicate in the statement if the scholar is from an underrepresented background and/or if the research focuses on an underrepresented population(s).
- 2) The scholar's curriculum vita
- 3) 1 representative peer-reviewed publication and 2 abstracts of peer-reviewed publications

Awardees are selected by an Early Career Award Selection Subcommittee appointed by the HDM SIG leadership. The subcommittee will be composed of HDM SIG members and may be inclusive of trainees who are ABD ("all but dissertation") or more advanced (e.g., postdocs). The awardee may be invited to serve on a subsequent Early Career Award Selection Committee.

Nominees will be evaluated on the following:

- Record of high-quality publications, including first-authored publications
- Methodological strength, rigor, and transparency

- Contributions to advanced knowledge of health decision making/impact of research on health decision making
- Evidence of positive trajectory in research
- Consistent research focus on underrepresented populations
- Fit/relevance of research to health decision making
- Originality/innovation of research