The Joseph E. McGrath Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Study of Groups

Call for Nominations and Award Policy

INGRoup invites nominations for the Joseph E. McGrath Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Study of Groups. INGRoup values and promotes diversity in theoretical and methodological perspectives for examining and understanding group processes and outcomes. This award will go to an individual or identifiable research team whose work has shown an enduring commitment to advancing the interdisciplinary science of team or small group behavior, dynamics, and outcomes.

The award recipient(s) will be granted a lifetime membership to INGRoup, be recognized at the INGRoup conferences, and receive a commemorative plaque. In addition, the recipient is invited to give an address that relates to his, her, or their contributions at the subsequent meeting of INGRoup.

Nominations may be submitted by peers or self. Please see below for the nomination procedure.

Nomination deadline: May 1*
Committee decision announced to nominees: June 15*
Committee decision made public at INGRoup conference

Nomination Guidelines and Criteria

1. Nominations may be submitted by any member of INGRoup. Self-nominations are also welcome.
2. A letter of nomination should outline the contributions made by the nominee(s) to knowledge about groups and teams. See the criteria for the award below.
3. A current vita of the nominee(s) should accompany the letter of nomination.
4. The nominator may also include a small set of materials that illustrate the contributions of the nominee(s) (e.g., no more than three representative articles).
5. Supporting letters may be included as part of the nomination packet. The number of supporting letters (not counting the nominating letter) for any given nomination should not exceed three.
6. Letters of nomination, vita, and all supporting letters and materials must be submitted by May 1 of the award year.

Administrative Procedures

1. The INGRoup Awards Committee will review the letters of nomination and supporting materials of all nominees and make a recommendation concerning one or more nominees to the INGRoup Board.
2. The INGRoup Board may either endorse or reject the recommendations of the Awards Committee but may not substitute a nominee of its own.
3. In the absence of a nominee who is deemed deserving of the award by both the Awards Committee and the INGRoup Board, the award may be withheld.

Criteria for the Award

The letter of nomination should address the following issues:
1. The general nature of the nominee’s contributions to the study of teams or small groups.
2. The most important theoretical and/or empirical contributions.
3. The impact of the nominee’s contributions on the scholarly study of teams or small groups including the impact that his or her body of work has had on the work of students and colleagues.
4. The impact that the work has had across the various disciplines studying teams or small groups.
Selection and Award Announcement Procedure

1. Committee members will make independent rankings of nominees.
2. Nominees will be discussed alphabetically.
3. Each member of committee will provide their perspective on a given nominee according to the decision criteria.
4. Award committee chair will inform award winner(s) and other nominees.
5. Identification of award winner(s) remains private until announcement at INGRoup conference.

*These dates assume a mid-July conference schedule