

Carol J. Latta Memorial Early Career Research Award

Nominations for this award, which will be presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting, will be accepted until July 15, 2026. A complete nomination package must be submitted electronically to DSI Executive Director Vivian Landrum (vivian@decisionsciences.org) by July 15. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Purpose of the Award

The Carol J. Latta Memorial Early Career Research Award is named after a former Executive Director of the Decision Sciences Institute. It recognizes an outstanding researcher in the early stages of his or her career in the field of Decision Sciences. The award is presented at the Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute each November. The awardee receives a plaque and a \$500.00 honorarium.

Qualifications

- Recipients must have demonstrated excellence in Decision Sciences research. Typical criteria employed by the committee to evaluate nominees include, for example, high-quality publications including in DSI journals, research awards, and/or invitations by research universities to present research colloquia.
- Recipients shall be a Regular Member of DSI in good standing for at least three years at the time of the nomination.
- Recipients must have presented research at a minimum of two DSI affiliated conferences.
- Recipients shall have received his or her terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., DBA, etc.) within six years prior to the nomination.

Nomination Procedures

1. Any regular member of DSI in good standing may be nominated by any member of DSI.
2. Self-nominations shall not be accepted.
3. Nominations from a current member of the Board of DSI shall not be accepted.
4. The nomination period opens no later than May 1 and closes no later than July 15 of the award year.
5. Members appointed to this committee shall not submit nominations during their tenure on the committee.
6. A complete nomination package must include:
 - A letter of nomination not to exceed 4-pages (single-spaced) that summarizes and provides specific evidence of the nominee's impact of scholarship in the field of Decision Sciences, and engagement with the Institute.
 - The nominee's current curriculum vita with key contributions relevant to the award highlighted.
 - If desired, up to three additional letters of support from colleagues or academic administrators.

Incomplete nomination packets will not be considered. Deadline to submit packet is July 15.

Recommendations for the **Carol J. Latta Memorial Early Career Research Award** should be sent electronically to DSI Executive Director Vivian Landrum: vivian@decisionsciences.org with **Carol J. Latta Memorial Early Career Research Award Nomination** in the subject line. An acknowledgement receipt shall be sent to the nominator.

Submissions **MUST** be received in the Home Office by midnight CST, July 15, 2026. No late submissions will be accepted.

Questions? Contact Vivian Landrum, vivian@decisionsciences.org or call 281.552.7469.