



2019 68th Annual EIS Conference

2019 Shalon M. Irving Health Equity Award Call for Nominations by March 1

The Shalon M. Irving Health Equity Award Committee requests nominations of current or former Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officers who have made exemplary contributions in the areas of health equity and racial disparities research. This year, EIS classes of 2015–2018 are eligible.

This award was named after Dr. Shalon M. Irving, PhD, MPH, MS, CHES, an EIS officer (2012) who dedicated her life to understanding how structural inequality, trauma, and violence affect health over a lifetime. She passed away unexpectedly in 2017, just three weeks after giving birth; calling attention to one of the widest of all racial disparities in women's health, disproportionately high rates of maternal mortality among black women in the U.S.

CDC staff, current or former EIS officers, and EIS supervisors may submit nominations, as follows:

1. When preparing the nomination, be sure to include:
 - A description of why the nominee should be considered for this award, and
 - A narrative of the public health impact the nominee's work has had or is expected to have on health equity and racial disparities (include publications/examples of work, if available).

Note: Please create a Microsoft Word document and limit to 2 single-spaced pages.
2. To submit a nomination:
 - In an email message, attach the nominee's CV along with the nomination description and narrative;
 - In the email body, include a sentence describing the nominator's relationship to the nominee;
 - For self-nominations, include a brief email concurrence from a supervisor or someone with whom you have worked closely;
 - Send the email with "Shalon M. Irving Health Equity Award" in the subject line to Jennifer Lind, PharmD, MPH (vox2@cdc.gov) and Francisca Abanyie-Bimbo, MD, MPH (why6@cdc.gov);
 - **All nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. (ET) Friday, March 1, 2019.**

The Shalon M. Irving Health Equity Award Committee will review the nominations. Committee members are Francisca Abanyie-Bimbo, MD, MPH; Michelle Chevalier, MD, MPH; Rachel T. Idowu, MD, MPH; Asha Ivey-Stephenson, PhD, MA; Jennifer Lind, PharmD, MPH; Rashid Njai, PhD, MPH; Erika C. Odom, PhD, MS; and Lynda Osadebe, PhD, DMV, MSPH. The Shalon M. Irving Health Equity Award recipient will be announced during the 2019 EIS conference to be held April 29–May 2, 2019. For questions about this award, contact LaTwana Broughton at vqt6@cdc.gov or 404-498-0026.

Visit the [EIS conference awards web page](#) to learn more about this and other awards, including past winners.

