AEJMC’s Standing Committee on Research invites nominations for the 2022 Tankard Book Award.

This award recognizes the most outstanding book in the field of journalism and communication. It also honors authors whose work embodies excellence in research, writing and creativity. Authors who are current AEJMC members as of Nov. 8, 2021, may self-nominate a first-edition scholarly monograph, edited collection or textbook published in 2021 that is relevant to journalism and communication. (The copyright MUST be 2021.) Nominated books may be co-authored or co-edited and must be well-written and break new ground.

Nominations are due November 8, 2021.

Finalists must agree to be a registered participant at the 2022 AEJMC Conference. Finalists will be notified by early June 2022. Given the large number of nominations each year, only complete nomination packets will be considered. The Standing Committee on Research reserves the right not to present the award in any given year.

To nominate a title for the award, submit the following to Tankard Book Award Nominations, AEJMC, 234 Outlet Pointe Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210-5667, for receipt by November 8, 2021:

(1) a nomination letter that includes the book’s title, author(s) or editor(s), copyright date, publisher, ISBN and an explanation of the book’s contribution to the field of journalism and mass communication;
(2) the author’s mailing address, telephone number and email address;
(3) specific language stating “As the author/editor of this title nominated for the 2021 Tankard Book Award, I guarantee that if my book is chosen as a finalist, I will attend the 2022 AEJMC Conference as a registered participant”; and
(4) six copies of the book to be considered for the award. Six copies of publisher’s page proofs may be submitted, but only if the book will be in print by Dec. 31 and will carry a 2021 copyright. Entries that are not in print by Dec. 31 will be disqualified.

First presented in 2007, the award is named in honor of Dr. James Tankard, Jr., posthumous recipient of AEJMC’s 2006 Eleanor Blum Distinguished Service to Research Award, former editor of Journalism Monographs and a longtime University of Texas at Austin journalism professor. Queries about the award should be directed to lillian@aejmc.org.