**PAST PRESIDENT – ASCENDANT SCHOLAR AWARD**

Dear Colleagues:

In my role as the Past President of the Western Academy of Management (WAM), one of my tasks is to manage the selection process for the prestigious Ascendant Scholar Award. Some of the scholars who were recognized early in their careers with this award include: Tom Lee, Alan Meyer, Steven Sommer, Jone Pearce, Gretchen Spreitzer, Roy Suddaby, Anne Tsui, and Kyle Emich.

I am writing to invite nominations for WAM's 2021 Ascendant Scholars. Further information on the criteria and the nomination process are provided below.

**What does the award recognize?**

The Ascendant Scholar award recognizes early career scholars with no more than seven years of experience.

While excellent teaching and service are appreciated, we are primarily seeking to acknowledge “ascendent” international scholars as evidenced by the quality of their published scholarship in top-tier publications. In addition, we seek scholars with an overall research trajectory that looks promising for future continued productive endeavors.

While preference is given to nominees who are current members of WAM and regular attendees of WAM meetings, our past awardees have clearly not been limited to this group.

**How to Nominate Someone for the Ascendant Scholar Award**

To nominate a candidate for the Ascendant Scholar Award, please email the following to me at

[thomasawright1@gmail.com](mailto:thomasawright1@gmail.com)

* A nomination letter which clearly summarizes how the nominee meets the award prerequisites.
* The resume of the ascendent scholar nomination and any other relevant information.

Nominations are due no later than Tuesday, March 15, 2021. Candidates must commit to attend the virtual WAM 2021 Conference to be eligible to receive the award.

**Review Process**

WAM’s Executive Committee will virtually review nominations after the submission deadline. Candidates selected to receive the award will be notified in a timely manner.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of individuals to nominate for this prestigious award. I would be most grateful if you would consider forwarding this call to your colleagues in the Western Academy of Management region who might help us identify deserving candidates.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Wright, Past President

Western Academy of Management, Executive Committee