

2027 Outstanding Project Award



The 2027 Outstanding Project Award recognizes colleagues and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to student and institutional success and equity through research, planning, organizational change efforts, and leadership.

Guiding Principles

- Promote exceptional work
- Emphasize project impact on institutions/students
- Recognize projects that have made a significant impact on student and organizational outcomes

Award Eligibility

- This award is presented to an individual or team for a project.
- The project must have been completed after January 1, 2026.
- Individuals or teams must submit their own projects for consideration.
- Individuals or teams who have won a previous Outstanding Project Award are not eligible to win the same award the following year, but may submit projects for consideration in subsequent years.

Submission Process

To submit your or your team's project for the 2027 Outstanding Project Award, enter your project information in [our submission form](#).

Submission Due Date

All submissions must be entered no later than **11:59 pm on Monday, January 11, 2027**.

Review Process

Submissions are reviewed by The RP Group's IRPE Professional Development Steering Committee, composed of RP Group Board members and volunteers from the field with extensive experience and expertise in institutional research, planning, and effectiveness.

Criteria

- Demonstrated positive impact on student equity and/or the student experience through an equity lens at the organizational, regional, or statewide level. Examples of impact may include (but are not limited to) uncovering and collating evidence-based practices that:
 - Have positive effects on minoritized and marginalized students
 - Amplify the student voice
 - Increase student engagement
 - Increase student access
 - Reduce or eliminate equity gaps
 - Improve student outcomes, particularly for systemically underserved or disproportionately impacted student populations
- Contributions to the body of knowledge in community colleges that have practical implications for the IRPE field
- Use of equity-conscious practices in the design, implementation, analysis, and dissemination of research results
- Impact on equity in student access, outcomes, experience, and engagement
- Inclusion of evidence-based practices, models, approaches, or examples that can be adapted, replicated, or scaled in other contexts or colleges/districts to improve student success and equity

Award Announcements: March 2027

Award Recipient Recognition

- Posting on The RP Group's website
- Recognition ceremony at RP Conference 2027, April 14-15, 2027, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, CA
- A breakout presentation at RP Conference 2027
- A follow-up webinar in May 2027

Questions

Please contact Adore Davidson, Daniel Miramontez, and Brad Trimble, IRPE PD Steering Committee Tri-Chairs, at professionaldevelopment@rpgroup.org.