SANS Innovation Award Rubric

The SANS Innovation Award recognizes a particular article authored by a SANS member and published in a scholarly outlet that makes a contribution likely to generate the discovery of new hypotheses, new phenomena, or new ways of thinking about the discipline of social and affective neuroscience. Any kind of innovative contribution (including developments of new theory or methods, including analytic methods; innovative applications of existing methods; and creative application of methods from other fields) is eligible. Contributions may be judged innovative and generative even before they have generated substantial empirical findings. The award selection will focus on a contribution’s conceptual innovation and potential to motivate new research and further conceptual investigation.

Rate the paper on the following dimensions:

1. Rate the level of innovation.

1 – 5 (1: not at all innovative; 5: extremely innovative).

1. Rate the potential to motivate new research and further conceptual investigation.

1 – 5 (1: will not motivate new research; 5: will chart significant new territory).

Take the average of these ratings for each submission. Use these ratings as a ***guide*** to decide how to rank-order the submissions for the award.

The 2-3 person committee will compare ratings and rank-orderings to determine that years awardee.