

The ISEE Research Integrity Award

Purpose:

The field of environmental epidemiology often touches on issues that have policy implications. Thus, our research may affect or be perceived to affect parties with vested interests, either social or financial. For these reasons, epidemiologists may be subjected to pressures that run counter to the goals of scientific endeavors designed to provide understanding of the environmental influences on human health. In this context, the ISEE Research Integrity Award has been established to honor environmental epidemiologists who protect public health above any other interest.

Researchers who have demonstrated exceptional integrity in withstanding pressures contrary to the profession's core value of protecting public health are eligible. The Award recognizes the researcher who withstands unusual pressure to distort, suppress or modify her/his line of inquiry, findings and/or their interpretation.

For example, the Award recognizes environmental epidemiologists demonstrating integrity in the face of unusual pressure from special interests to: (1) not conduct an investigation of a sensitive issue; or (2) suppress the publication of results unwanted by an entity with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo; or (3) alter the results and interpretation of a study to better suit a position held by a vested interest.

The ISEE Councilors will accept and vote on nominations of candidates who agree to be nominated through the Awards Committee. The Award will be made on an occasional basis, no more frequently than once annually.