

2018 Visitor Studies Association April Award Application

Welcome to the 2018 Visitor Studies Association April Award application.

The Award is given to an emerging professional who shows great potential to contribute to the growth of VSA and the field of visitor studies. Below are six prompts for you to complete. Unless noted otherwise, all responses are limited to 250 words or less. You can save your work using the button at the top of the survey at any time.

Submissions will be accepted through Friday, February 16, 2018. Awardees will be contacted on Sunday, April 1, 2018. Questions regarding the April Award application can be sent to taline@kuyumjianconsulting.com.

Best of luck!

1. We'd like to get to know you a little better. Please start by telling us who you are.
 - a. First Name
 - b. Last Name
 - c. Title
 - d. Institution
 - e. Email Address
2. Reflecting on this year's conference theme (*Fostering Transparency, Strengthening Public Trust*), tell us two or three ways you hope attending the conference will help you to develop or advance your professional goals and why.
3. Using the Evaluator Competencies (located here: <http://www.visitorstudies.org/competency-list>) identify the top three competencies you would like to work on or explore at the Visitor Studies Association conference. Please explain why you selected those competencies and why they are important to you.
4. Why do you think visitor studies is important and how do you hope to contribute to the visitor studies field in your career?
5. What is a current issue or trend in the visitor studies field that interests you, and what do you see as next steps in addressing it?
6. What are you proud of in your career thus far?
7. Please share contact information for two academic, professional or personal references. The individuals you select should be familiar with projects you are working on, as well as be able to speak to your experiences with visitor studies and how attending the 2017 annual conference will help you grow.

Note: References will be contacted if your application is a finalist in the reviews process. Please confirm with your references that they will be available to respond to three brief questions between Monday, March 12, 2018, and Friday, March 23, 2018.

- a. Reference 1
 - i. First Name
 - ii. Last Name
 - iii. Title
 - iv. Organization Name
 - v. Email Address
 - b. Reference 2
 - i. First Name
 - ii. Last Name
 - iii. Title
 - iv. Organization Name
 - v. Email Address
8. All finalists will be contacted for a brief phone interview with reviewers between March 26, 2018 through March 30, 2018. This interview is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. Please let us know below if you foresee any challenges in scheduling this call. We will try as best possible to accommodate any scheduling conflicts.