

Sean Johnson wins the 2022 Tarnai Scholarship Award

We are pleased to announce that Sean Johnson, University of Virginia Center for Survey Research, has been awarded the 2022 Tarnai Scholarship by the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO). Established in memory of John Tarnai, former AASRO president, the award recognizes an outstanding early-career Survey Center employee with great promise for long-term involvement in and contributions to the field of survey research.

Sean Johnson started working at the Center for Survey Research as a phone interviewer when pursuing his undergraduate degree. Upon graduation, Sean Johnson joined the CSR as a Survey Operations Manager. It was because of Sean's willingness to grow in his responsibilities, ability to adapt and expand his skills, and demonstrated commitment to the organization that he steadily advanced within CSR to become an integral part of the management and leadership team. Mr. Johnson possesses both the technical skills necessary to carry out complex data collection as well as the professional and organizational skills desired to effectively manage staff and coordinate projects. Mr. Johnson fastidious at keeping up with deadlines, maintains excellent communication with other staff, clients, and respondents, all while managing a team of interviewers coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and levels of experience. In addition, he has developed and continues to grow his technical skills necessary for supporting complex, multi-mode surveys, including developing custom tracking databases for each project in FileMakerPro, setting up API connections to improve the efficiency in tracking participation between modes and across platforms, and he is constantly seeking ways to make the calling experience more positive and accessible for the interviewers. Mr. Johnson is also very mindful of the larger picture regarding CSR's function and vitality as an organization. He has demonstrated true leadership in his management and mentorship of other staff to help expand their research and professional experience.

AASRO wishes Mr. Johnson continuing success and looks toward his future accomplishment in the survey research field.