



Name: Sujatha Shanmugasundaram, PhD, RN

Current Title: Lecturer in Nursing

Affiliation: RCSI Bahrain

Candidate for: MNRS Board Director-At-Large



Personal Statement:

Dr. Sujatha Shanmugasundaram is an experienced international academic and researcher with a solid global alliance in community health nursing, palliative care nursing, nursing education, and aged care nursing, to mention a few. Dr. Shanmugasundaram has been in nursing for more than 30 years and in academics for 20 years. She is currently working at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain, for the past 1 year. She recently worked as an Associate Professor in Nursing at California State University, Fresno, 2017-2020.

Dr. Shanmugasundaram has been an active member of the **Mid-west Nursing Research Society (MNRS)** since 2018. Since then, she has been actively engaged in various committees and volunteer roles at MNRS. She participates in abstract and grant reviewer and actively engages in Research Interest Groups in the discussion forum. Her areas of research interest include but are not limited to gerontology, palliative care, family caregivers, dementia, simulation, oncology, and chronic illness.

Apart from this, Dr. Shanmugasundaram has been a Sigma member since 2005 and has served as a leader in several chapters. She played a significant contribution in recruiting the members of the society and currently sitting 136 members in 2 years in just one chapter. Now, she serves as a **North America Region-1 Coordinator**. Recently, she served as a **Treasurer** of the Mu Nu Chapter for 3 years. Since then, she has been committed to helping Sigma's mission, advancing world health, and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

In addition, Dr. Shanmugasundaram has played a vital role as Global Ambassador of Sigma for the past 3 years. As an ambassador, she travelled internationally to universities in the Middle East and promoted the Sigma to academics and nurse clinicians. She has made a considerable contribution in creating global visibility to the nursing community across the world.

Her passion for the nursing profession is countless, and she contributed a lot through evidence-based practice in her teaching, research, and clinical practice globally. She is a very dynamic and enthusiastic person and strives to move forward with the MNRS mission to advance nursing science locally, regionally, and globally.

As a Board Director-At-Large (2022-2024), Dr. Shanmugasundaram will focus on:

- A global initiative to foster a diverse membership of the research scholars;

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- Promoting network through professional development programs;
- Enhancing fundraising opportunities through membership and grants;
- Strengthening an international alliance with nurses, academics, and researchers; and
- Recruiting and retaining members across the globe.

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