



## **Dissertation Award**

**Purpose of the Award:** The purpose of this award is to recognize the contribution of a recent PhD graduate whose doctoral dissertation is exceptionally meritorious and exemplifies high standards of scholarship and knowledge development in their RIIG's focus.

### **Criteria for the Award:**

- The nominee is not more than three years since graduation with a PhD degree or equivalent.
- The nominee's dissertation study is rigorous and significant and contains findings that advance nursing knowledge, education, practice, and/or policy in areas related to their RIIG's focus.
- Dissertation findings have been/will be disseminated appropriate to the completion timeline.
- Demonstrates ability to move forward in their contributions to scholarship.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- The nominee has graduated within the last three years with a PhD or equivalent in Nursing or a related field.

### **Other Eligibility Considerations:**

- Members may only apply or be nominated for one RIIG award regardless of the number of RIIG memberships.
- Student members are no longer subject to the 1-year RIIG membership requirement but must be a member of the RIIG at the time of nomination.
- Regular and Alumni members must be a part of the RIIG for at least one year.
- Nominees must be active and engaged members, as defined by the RIIG.

### **Submission Requirements:**

- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Dissertation abstract.
- Description of achievement in relation to the above award criteria (limit 2 pages)
- One letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) describing how the applicant's work has made a significant contribution to the science and/or practice of their RIIG's area of focus.
  - Nominee name, credentials, and contact information.
  - Description of achievement in relation to the above award criteria
  - Nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
  - Attest to degree completion.

### **Notification and Presentation:**

The RIIG Chair(s) will notify the award recipient via email. The awardee is strongly encouraged to be present at their RIIG 's Annual Business Meeting to receive the award and will be invited to give a brief presentation of their research/scholarship.