



MNRS 2026 Honorific Awards

The Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

Nominations Open: August 4, 2025

Nomination Deadline: September 15, 2025

Purpose:

The purpose of the Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award is to recognize the contribution of a member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and made significant contributions to advance equitable health outcomes and reduce health disparities through research, which has enhanced the science and practice of nursing in the MNRS region.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominees must be members of MNRS in good standing and be nominated according to the established procedure. Awardees must agree to attend the Annual Conference and the Awards Ceremony.

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Impact:
 - Program of Research: Quality and scope
 - Breadth and depth of overall research contribution
 - Overall impact of the research program on improving health outcomes, addressing systemic racism leading to health disparities, and/or reducing barriers and inequities throughout the Midwest region.

Nomination Application Information should include:

- NIH Biosketch (limited to **5 pages only**)
- Narrative summary statement of no more than 300 words about the applicant's accomplishments and/or contributions
- Two (2) letters of support that detail the nominee's significant contribution

The MNRS Awards Committee reviews the nominations according to the criteria and makes recommendations to the Board for final approval.

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