



## Research thru Academic-Clinical Partnerships RIIG OUTSTANDING Academic-Practice PARTNERSHIP AWARD 2026

**DUE: Nov. 15th**

**PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding **research or evidence-based practice (EBP) project/initiative** that is the result of a **partnership** between two or more unique institutions. This may include an academic institution, a clinical institution, community organization, industry, or others.

### CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

- Completed project(s) that used the strengths of a partnership to improve practice and/or academia through nursing research, evidence-based practice(s) (EBP), or innovative program.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The academic partner (if applicable) must be accredited.
- The clinical or industry partner's (whichever is applicable) primary focus must be patient- or nurse-centered.
- The partnership must be healthcare-related.
- Each partner must provide clear evidence of successful collaboration.
- The nominee of the project must be an MNRS member for at least one year before applying.
- Members can only win one RIIG award per year.
- Members must be actively involved and engaged for at least one year in the RIIG.
- Students need to be a member of the RIIG at the time of nomination.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Format**
  - 1) Cover page with contact information: All partner names and associated sites should be listed. Email addresses and work telephone numbers of both partner leads should be included.
  - 2) Award application content: Do not exceed two single-spaced pages (12 font, 1" margins) in length for all information below.
- **Description of the Partnership Project(s)**
  - In the description of the project, please include a description of each of the following elements:
    - 1) The project type (research study, implementation of an EBP project, and/or an innovation fulfilling a need).
    - 2) Outline the project's goals and aims, setting, methods, findings, and implications for nursing, healthcare, and academic partners.
    - 3) Funding of the partnership, including grant applications/awards as applicable.
    - 4) Dissemination efforts surrounding the partnership project(s), including completed and/or planned conference presentations, manuscripts, etc.
  - Each partnering organization must provide a brief statement explaining their unique role and collaborative contributions to the project(s).

**NOTIFICATION** - Expect communication in February 2026.

### AWARDEE PRESENTATION -

- Occurs at the RTACP RIIG Meeting during the annual MNRS Conference (time/location to be announced - may be virtual).
- Partners to provide a brief ( $\leq 10$  minutes) presentation about their collaborative project(s).
- Physical presentation of the award will occur at the MNRS Conference in a session to be announced.

Please submit all submission requirements online by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025