



MNRS 2027 Honorific Awards

Distinguished Contribution Award

Nominations Open: August 3, 2026

Nomination Deadline: September 15, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of the Distinguished Contribution Award is to recognize the scientific contribution of a member who has conducted or promoted 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, have an earned doctorate, use the rank of associate professor (with or without tenure), and be nominated according to the established procedure. Awardees must agree to attend the Annual Conference and give a presentation at 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 research program on the profession and within the Midwest
- Publications and Presentations:
 - Research-related dissemination record
- Mentorship:
 - Evidence of effective mentorship
 - Influence on nursing research advancement and career development within the profession

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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