



Research & Implementation Interest Groups

Excellence in Community Engaged Research Award

This award is designed to recognize members of the MNRS Research & Implementation Interest Groups (RIIGs) whose accomplishments support MNRS's mission to generate and translate nursing science to promote health for all.

Purpose of the Award: The purpose of this award is to formally recognize a RIIG member whose rigorous research meaningfully engages communities as partners, strengthens the relevance and impact of nursing science, and promotes health for all through reciprocal, responsive, and mutually beneficial scholarship.

Criteria for the Award: The nominee demonstrates:

- Meaningful engagement of community members, representatives, organizations, beyond the typical research setting or other partners in one or more stages of the research process, such as identifying priorities, designing the study, implementing the work, interpreting findings, or disseminating results.
- A reciprocal and respectful approach that recognizes community knowledge, priorities, strengths, and contributions and supports collaboration across roles, organizations, or settings.
- Rigorous research that is responsive to an issue or opportunity identified as relevant to the community and has the potential to promote health for all or improve care, practice, policy, education, or community well-being.
- Evidence that community engagement strengthened the relevance, rigor, reach, trustworthiness, feasibility, impact, or potential sustainability of the research.
- Appropriate dissemination and sharing of findings, benefits, resources, or learning with community partners and other audiences to increase the visibility and usefulness of the work.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The nominee has maintained an active MNRS membership for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the nomination deadline.
- The nominee has been an active member of at least one MNRS RIIG for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the nomination deadline. Active membership may be demonstrated through participation in RIIG programs, communications, meetings, service, or scholarly activities.
- For this award, community is defined broadly and is not limited to a geographic neighborhood. A community may be connected by place, identity, culture, health condition, experience, interest, profession, institution, organization, or shared priority and may include patients, families, students, clinicians, populations, networks, or other groups.
- A nominee may receive only one RIIG award in the same award year.

Submission Requirements:

- The nominee's full and current curriculum vitae (CV).
- A narrative summary of the nominee's community-engaged research (maximum of 500 words on letterhead). The summary should identify the community, describe how partners were engaged, explain how community priorities informed the work, and describe the rigor, dissemination, outcomes, benefits, or anticipated contributions to nursing science and health.
- Two letters of support (maximum of 500 words each on letterhead). The letters should describe the nominee's approach to community partnership, the significance and rigor of the research, and the value or potential value of the work to the community, nursing science, and health.
 - Nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), institutional or organizational affiliation, and contact information.

- Specific examples of achievements in relation to the award criteria and the significance of those achievements.
- Each letter writer's name, credentials, institutional or organizational affiliation, relationship to the nominee, and contact information.

Notification and Presentation:

The award recipient will be notified via email. The awardee is strongly encouraged to be present at the designated RIIG awards presentation during the MNRS Annual Research Conference to receive the award and may be invited to give a brief presentation of their research or scholarship.