



Research & Implementation Interest Groups

Excellence in Innovation 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 creative and original work introduces or meaningfully advances an idea, approach, method, technology, intervention, model, or process that supports innovative science, evidence-based practice, or the development and translation of nursing science to promote health for all.

Criteria for the Award: The nominee demonstrates:

- A novel idea or a meaningful adaptation of an existing approach that addresses an important challenge or opportunity in nursing science, care, education, policy, research methods, dissemination, or related settings.
- A clear explanation of what is innovative about the work and how it differs from or improves upon existing approaches.
- Evidence of rigor, feasibility, usefulness, acceptability, or early results, or a well-supported potential to improve research, care, learning, systems, evidence-based practice, or health.
- Thoughtful attention to ethical, accessible, equitable, and responsible development or application and to collaboration across disciplines, roles, or settings, as appropriate to the innovation.
- Potential for the innovation to be translated, sustained, adapted, disseminated, scaled, or used to stimulate future scholarship or practice. Innovation may be technological or non-technological and may arise from individual or collaborative 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.
- Innovations may be at any stage of development or application, provided the nomination demonstrates a clear rationale, meaningful advancement, and evidence of accomplishment or strong potential.
- 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 innovation (maximum of 500 words on letterhead). The summary should identify the problem or opportunity addressed, explain what is innovative, describe the nominee's role and the stage of development or application, and present evidence of rigor, results, dissemination, translation, or potential significance to nursing science and health.
- Two letters of support (maximum of 500 words each on letterhead). The letters should describe the originality, rigor, and significance of the innovation; the nominee's role; and the work's accomplishments, dissemination, translation, or potential contribution.
 - 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.