



## Research & Implementation Interest Groups

### Mid-Career Award for Excellence in Research

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 mid-career RIIG member whose sustained program of rigorous research or scholarship advances nursing science, promotes health for all, and demonstrates continued potential for influential leadership, mentorship, collaboration, and scholarly impact.

**Criteria for the Award: The nominee demonstrates:**

- A sustained and coherent body of rigorous research or scholarship that is appropriate to the nominee's career stage and advances nursing science.
- Evidence of the quality, significance, dissemination, and visibility of the nominee's work through publications, presentations, funding, translation, evidence-based practice, policy contributions, or other scholarly products.
- Leadership, collaboration, mentorship, or service that strengthens research capacity, supports the professional growth of others, or advances the nominee's area of science.
- Contributions that foster collaboration across disciplines, roles, settings, or career stages, as appropriate to the nominee's work.
- Continued potential to shape innovative science, evidence-based practice, or influential leadership and to promote health for all.

**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.
- The nominee is at the mid-career stage. Mid-career is generally understood as being beyond the early or new-investigator stage, commonly more than seven years beyond completion of a terminal degree or at an equivalent point in a research career (i.e. associate professor rank or other title relating to mid-career). Career path, setting, interruptions, responsibilities, and accomplishments will be considered; academic rank or title alone does not determine eligibility.
- 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 program of research or scholarship and its significance (maximum of 500 words). The summary should address the rigor, impact, dissemination and visibility, leadership or mentorship contributions, and continued potential of the nominee's work, and explain why the nominee is considered mid-career.
- Two letters of support (maximum of 500 words each on letterhead). At least one letter should serve as the primary nomination letter. The letters should describe the nominee's excellence in research, career-stage accomplishments, leadership, collaboration, mentorship, and potential for continued contribution to 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.