



Research & Implementation Interest Groups

Promising Student Nurse Scientist 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 student who demonstrates exceptional promise as a nurse scientist through engagement in rigorous research or scholarship, intellectual curiosity, initiative, collaboration, and potential to help shape the future of nursing science and promote health for all.

Criteria for the Award: The nominee demonstrates:

- Meaningful engagement in rigorous nursing research or scholarship appropriate to the nominee's educational level, role, setting, and available opportunities.
- Evidence of intellectual curiosity, initiative, research skill development, growth, and commitment to developing as a nurse scientist.
- Scholarly contributions appropriate to the nominee's stage, which may include participation in research projects, presentations, posters, publications, honors or capstone work, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, community-engaged work, dissemination activities, or other scholarly products.
- Potential for continued professional growth, leadership, collaboration across disciplines, roles, or settings, and contribution to nursing science.
- The nomination should reflect the nominee's overall promise and trajectory, including potential to contribute to innovative science, evidence-based practice, or the translation of nursing science, and is not limited to evaluation of a dissertation, capstone, or single scholarly product.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The nominee is a current MNRS member and a current member of at least one MNRS RIIG at the time of nomination. No minimum length of MNRS or RIIG membership is required for this award.
- A student is defined broadly as an individual enrolled, either full-time or part-time, in an undergraduate, master's, DNP, PhD, or other formal degree-granting educational program at the nomination deadline.
- The nominee must not have completed a terminal doctoral degree before the nomination deadline. Postdoctoral fellows and individuals who have completed a terminal doctoral degree are not eligible for this award.
- 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 research and scholarly activities, research skill development, dissemination, and future potential as a nurse scientist (maximum of 500 words on letterhead). The summary should describe accomplishments in the context of the nominee's educational level and available opportunities.
- Two letters of support (maximum 500 words each on letterhead). At least one letter should serve as the primary nomination letter. The letters should describe the nominee's scholarly promise, initiative, growth, accomplishments appropriate to career stage, collaboration or leadership potential, and potential to advance 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.