



QUALITATIVE METHODS RESEARCH SECTION

DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR, ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, AND GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

These awards are designed to recognize members of the MNRS *Qualitative Methods Research Section* who are in different stages of their careers. These section awards do not take the place of other awards given by the MNRS as an organization.

Nominations for these awards are due **DECEMBER 3, 2019 by 5pm EST** online. Nominations may be made by a colleague or via self-nomination. [CLICK HERE](#) to submit a nomination.

Applicants will be notified of the RIG Awards Committee decisions in January of 2020. RIG awards will be presented at the RIG meeting during the Annual Research Conference. Each awardee is strongly encouraged to be present to receive the award and will be invited to provide a brief presentation (roughly 5 minutes) of her/his research at the section meeting.

1) DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Distinguished Investigator Award recognizes an experienced researcher who has made outstanding contributions to qualitative research/research application and has served as a mentor for students and/or peers.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
 - Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or related field.
 - Presents evidence of a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for career stage that distinguishes this investigator as a qualitative researcher.
 - Demonstrates a track record of mentorship to students and/or peers.
 - Is nationally and/or internationally recognized for leadership in qualitative research.
 - Has a program of research that has been translated into practice and/or has enhanced nursing science in areas related to qualitative methods.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the *Qualitative Methods Research Section*.
- d) **Submission Requirements:**
 - Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
 - Self-nomination is allowed.
 - Each nomination packet must include the following:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae of the nominee.
 - b) Two letters of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by those mentored who are familiar with the nominee's areas of scholarly achievements that includes the following information:
 - o Nominee name, credentials and contact information
 - o Description of achievement in relation to above award criteria
 - o Nominator's name, signature, and contact information.

2) **ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AWARD**

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The purpose of the Advancement of Science Award is to recognize the contributions of a *Qualitative Methods Research Section* member who has advanced science in the area of qualitative research methods through research, theory, and/or evidence-based practices.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
- Submit evidence of a program of research or scholarship of integration in qualitative research.
 - Provide evidence of dissemination of scholarly work (i.e. presentations, publications, etc.).
 - Demonstrate evidence of mentoring other qualitative researchers.
 - Have recent publication(s) related to qualitative methods within the past 3-5 years.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- Current MNRS member in good standing
 - Member of the Qualitative Methods Research Section
 - Have an earned doctorate in nursing or a related field
- d) **Submission Requirements:**
- Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
 - Self-nomination is allowed.
 - Each nomination packet must include the following:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae of the nominee.
 - b) Two letters of support addressing the significance of the nominee's contributions to the advancement of scholarship related to nursing education. At least one letter of support must be from an active MNRS member.
 - c) Two samples of scholarly work (published manuscripts) authored by the nominee that demonstrate the quality and rigor of his/her work. Empirically-based research published in peer-reviewed journals is preferred.

3) **GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD**

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Graduate Research Award recognizes an outstanding graduate student who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to qualitative research.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
- Evidence of an active role in the participation of qualitative research data collection, interpretation, and/or dissemination.
 - Provides evidence of progress toward the production/dissemination of qualitative, scholarly research, such as working on an evidence-based practice project, a master's thesis, a DNP final project, or a dissertation project.
 - Proof of significant potential for leadership.
 - Significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities related to qualitative research while a graduate nursing student.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- The applicant is a member of MNRS or must join MNRS as a student member.
 - The applicant is in a graduate nursing program, including masters, doctor of nursing practice, or doctor of philosophy.
 - The applicant currently has a 3.75 GPA or higher in her/his nursing program.
- d) **Submission Requirements:**
- A faculty member who is familiar with the nominee's scholarly work in qualitative research will submit the following:
 - a) A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) that includes the nominee name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relationship to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.

- b) A personal statement from the nominee that speaks to the above award criteria (maximum of 1 page).
- c) Nominee's curriculum vitae.

NOTIFICATION

The award recipient will be notified January 2020. The award will be presented at the RIG Meeting during the Annual Research Conference. The awardee is encouraged to be present to receive the award and will be invited to provide a brief presentation (roughly 5 minutes) of her/his research at the RIG meeting.

Please submit all submission requirements online: by [CLICKING HERE](#)
by **December 3, 2019, 5:00 PM Eastern.**