QUALITATIVE METHODS RESEARCH SECTION

DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR, ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD, ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE EVIDENCE BASED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, DISSERTATION AWARD, & DNP SCHOLARLY PROJECT 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 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern time with all components of the application submitted as a single pdf file to the online submission site. Nominations may be made by a colleague or via self-nomination.

Award recipients will be notified prior to the MNRS Annual Research Conference. The award will be presented at the Research Section 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 10 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 application or development of qualitative research methods 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 through the use of 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
2) ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE RESEARCH 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 through research, or theory development using qualitative methods and has served as a mentor for students and/or peers.

b) Criteria for the Award:
   - Submit evidence of a program of scholarship using qualitative research methods.
   - Provide evidence of dissemination of scholarly work (i.e. presentations, publications, etc.).
   - Demonstrate evidence of mentoring students and/or peers
   - Have recent publication(s) related to qualitative methods or using qualitative research 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 science through research. At least one letter of support must be from an active MNRS member. Letters from active members who are submitting letters of support must include their MNRS member number.
     c) Two samples of scholarly work (published manuscripts) authored by the nominee that demonstrate the quality and rigor of his/her work. Publications in peer-reviewed journals is preferred.

3) ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE EVIDENCE-BASED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

e) Purpose of the Award: The purpose of the Advancement of Science Evidence-Based Scholarship Award is to recognize the contributions of a Qualitative Methods Research Section member who has advanced science through the development and implementation of evidence-based practices, using a qualitative approach.

f) Criteria for the Award:
   - Submit evidence demonstrating the scholarship of integration using qualitative approaches.
   - Provide evidence of dissemination of scholarly work (i.e. presentations, publications, etc.).
   - Demonstrate evidence of mentoring students or practitioners.
   - Have recent publication(s) related to implementation of EBP using a qualitative approach within the past 3-5 years.

g) Eligibility Requirements:
   - Current MNRS member in good standing
   - Member of the Qualitative Methods Research Section
   - Have an earned doctorate in nursing (DNP)

h) 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 qualitative methods. At least one letter of support must be from an active MNRS member. Letters from active members who are submitting letters of support must include their MNRS member number.
  c) Two samples of scholarly work (published manuscripts) authored by the nominee that demonstrate the quality and rigor of his/her work. Publications in peer-reviewed journals is preferred.

4) DISSERTATION AWARD

a. **Purpose of the Award:** The Dissertation Award recognizes an outstanding doctoral student who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to qualitative research.

b. **Criteria for the Award:**
   • Evidence of an active role in the completion of PhD dissertation that incorporates qualitative research.
   • Provides evidence of progress toward the production/dissemination of qualitative, scholarly research, such as working on a dissertation project.
   • Evidence of current professional leadership, paid or volunteer and evidence for 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 and be within 1-year post degree.
   • The applicant is in a PhD, doctor of philosophy program.

d. **Submission Requirements:**
   • Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
   • 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.

5) DNP SCHOLARLY PROJECT AWARD

a. **Purpose of the Award:** The DNP Scholarly Project Award recognizes an outstanding doctoral student who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to evidence-based practice improvement.

b. **Criteria for the Award:**
• Evidence of an active role in completion of DNP scholarly work that incorporates a qualitative approach.
• Current professional leadership paid or volunteered, evidence of significant potential for leadership.
• Significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities while a graduate nursing student.

c. **Eligibility Requirements:**
   • The applicant is a member of MNRS or must join MNRS as a student member or be within 1-year post degree.
   • The applicant is in a DNP doctor of nursing practice program.

d. **Submission Requirements:**
   • Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
   • A faculty member who is familiar with the nominee’s scholarly work, including integration of a qualitative approach, 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 2021. 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: [https://mnrs.societyconference.com/?conf_id=10005&m=user&h=event/ev_073mx](https://mnrs.societyconference.com/?conf_id=10005&m=user&h=event/ev_073mx) by **December 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern**