



ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT HEALTH Research Interest Group (RIG)

Request for Applications for

- 1) Research Legacy Award, 2) Mid-Career Investigator Award, 3) Early Career Investigator Award, and 4) Graduate Student Award

These four awards are designed to recognize members of the MNRS *Adolescent and Young Adult Health Research Interest Group* who are in different stages of their careers. These interest group awards do not take the place of other awards given by the MNRS as an organization.

Nominations for these awards open October 7, 2022, and are due **December 6, 2022, by 5:00 PM EST** via the online [2023 Annual Research Conference website](#).

NOTIFICATION:

Applicants will be notified of the RIIG Awards Committee decisions by January 31, 2022, prior to the [2023 MNRS Annual Research Conference](#). Awardees are encouraged to attend the virtual RIIG meeting prior to the conference to provide a brief presentation (roughly 10 minutes) of their research. In Addition, RIIG awards will be presented during the Annual Research Conference, and each awardee is strongly encouraged to be present to receive the award.

1. DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD

a. **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to recognize a senior researcher who has made outstanding, ongoing contributions to adolescent health research and mentoring, and exemplifies high standards of scholarship and knowledge development in the field of adolescent/emerging adult health.

b. **CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD**

- Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or related field.
- Has a publication, presentation and funding record appropriate for legacy contributions.
- Has built a program of research making a significant contribution to the growth of health and nursing science in areas related to health of diverse adolescent/emerging adult populations.

c. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The applicant should have conducted research focusing on issues related to adolescent/emerging adult health.
- The applicant is a member of MNRS and of the Adolescent Health Research Interest Group.
- Individuals can be either self-nominated or nominated by a current member of MNRS.
- The applicant has earned a research or practice doctorate degree > 10 years.

d. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

To submit for this award, you must provide the following items:

- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) of how the applicant's work has made a distinguished contribution to the science and/or practice of adolescent/emerging adult health including the following information:
 - ✓ Nominee name, credentials and contact information.
 - ✓ Description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria.
 - ✓ Nominator's name, signature, and contact information.
- A current copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.

- Nomination letter is submitted by a research colleague who is familiar with the applicant's research and mentorship activities. An applicant may initiate the nomination, in which case the applicant is to acknowledge the nomination.
- Two letters of support speaking to the applicant's research related to the award criteria.
- The awardee must be willing to present their research at the Adolescent Research Interest Group meeting before the next annual conference.

2. MID-CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD

a. **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to recognize researchers who have been in their position for more than 6 years since receiving their doctoral degree and demonstrated a consistent record of contributions to adolescent/emerging adult health research.

b. **CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD**

- Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or related field.
- Has a publication, presentation and funding record appropriate for career stage.
- Has built a program of research making a significant contribution to the growth of health and nursing science in areas related to health of diverse adolescent/emerging adult populations.

c. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The applicant should have conducted research focusing on issues related to adolescent health.
- The applicant is a member of MNRS and of the Adolescent Health Research Interest Group.
- Individuals can be either self-nominated or nominated by a current member of MNRS.
- The applicant has earned a research or practice doctorate degree > 6 years.

d. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

To submit for this award, you must provide the following items:

- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) of how the applicant's work has made a distinguished contribution to the science and/or practice of adolescent/emerging adult health including the following information:
 - ✓ Nominee name, credentials and contact information.
 - ✓ Description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria.
 - ✓ Nominator's name, signature, and contact information.

- A current copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.
- Nomination letter is submitted by a research colleague who is familiar with the applicant's research and mentorship activities. An applicant may initiate the nomination, in which case the applicant is to acknowledge the nomination.
- One additional letter of support speaking to the applicant's research related to the award criteria.
- The awardee must be willing to present their research at the Adolescent Research Interest Group meeting before the next annual conference.

3. EARLY-CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD

a. **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to recognize the contribution of an early career investigator who has conducted adolescent health research, which has the potential to enhance the science and practice of adolescent/emerging adult health.

b. **CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD**

- Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or related field.
- Has a publication, presentation and funding record appropriate for career stage.
- Has built a program of research making a significant contribution to the growth of health and nursing science in areas related to health of diverse adolescent/emerging adult populations.

c. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The applicant should have conducted research focusing on issues related to adolescent/emerging adult health.
- The applicant is a member of MNRS and of the Adolescent Health Research Interest Group.
- Individuals can be either self-nominated or nominated by a current member of MNRS.
- The applicant has earned a research or practice doctorate degree within the past 6 years.

d. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

To submit for this award, you must provide the following items:

- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) of how the applicant's work has made a distinguished contribution to the science and/or practice of adolescent/emerging adult health including the following information:
 - ✓ Nominee name, credentials and contact information.
 - ✓ Description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria.
 - ✓ Nominator's name, signature, and contact information.
- A current copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.
- Nomination letter is submitted by a research colleague who is familiar with the applicant's research and mentorship activities. An applicant may initiate the nomination, in which case the applicant is to acknowledge the nomination.
- One additional letter of support speaking to the applicant's research related to the award criteria.
- The awardee must be willing to present their research at the Adolescent Research Interest Group meeting before the next annual conference.

4. GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

a. **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to recognize the accomplishment of a graduate student who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to adolescent/emerging adult health research.

b. **CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD**

- The student has taken an active role in the participation of adolescent/emerging adult health research.
- The student demonstrates progress toward the production of scholarly work in regards to adolescent/emerging adult health research, including but not limited to PhD dissertation, DNP project, evidence-based practice project, and master's thesis.
- The student demonstrates significant potential for leadership.
- The student demonstrates significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities related to adolescent/emerging adults 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.

d. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

To submit for this award, you must provide the following items:

- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) submitted by an MNRS faculty member who is familiar with the nominee's scholarly work in adolescent/emerging adult health research. The letter should include:
 - ✓ Nominee name, credentials and contact information.
 - ✓ Description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria.
 - ✓ Nominator's name, signature, and contact information.
- A current copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.
- The awardee must be willing to present their research at the Adolescent Research Interest Group meeting before the next annual conference.