



Health of Diverse Populations Research & Implementation Interest Group

Dear HDP RIIG members,

It is time for the RIIG Awards nominations for the [2023 Annual Research Conference](#) in Des Moines, Iowa.

Nominations for the following awards are due by December 6, 2022.

Applicants will be notified of the RIIG Awards Committee decisions by January 31, 2022, before the [2023 MNRS Annual Research Conference](#). Awardees are encouraged to attend the virtual RIIG meeting before the conference to provide a brief presentation (roughly 10 minutes) of their research (*Feb 2023, date TBA*). 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) New Investigator Award:

- a. **Purpose of the Award:** The New Investigator Award is awarded to a member who has received her/his doctoral degree or postdoctoral training within the past five years and who has an outstanding research/research application trajectory.
- b. **Criteria for the Award:**
 - i. Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or a related field.
 - ii. Has a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for the career stage.
 - iii. The nominee demonstrates significant leadership potential.
 - iv. Has a program of research with high potential for translation into practice and/or the ability to enhance nursing science in areas related to acute and/or critical care across the lifespan.
- c. **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - i. The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan Research & Implementation Interest Group
- d. **Submission Requirements:**
 - i. An abstract of the program of research (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead)
 - ii. Nominee's curriculum vitae
 - iii. A summary (maximum 1 page on letterhead) of the nominee's merit for receiving the new investigator award (completed by a colleague familiar with the applicant's research).

2) Distinguished Investigator Award:

- a. **Purpose of the Award:** The Distinguished Investigator Award is awarded to an experienced researcher who has made outstanding contributions to acute and critical care research and served as a mentor for students and peers.
- b. **Criteria for the Award:**
 - Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or a related field.
 - Has a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for the career stage.
 - Has a track record of mentorship to students and/or peers.
 - Is nationally and/or internationally recognized for leadership in acute and/or critical care research.
 - Has a program of research with a high potential for translation into practice and/or the ability to enhance nursing science in areas related to acute and/or critical care across the lifespan.
- c. **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and a member of the *Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan Research & Implementation Interest Group*.
- d. **Submission Requirements:**
 - A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by a research colleague who is familiar with the applicant's research and mentorship activities that include 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.
 - Nominee's curriculum vitae.

3) Outstanding Dissertation Award:

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Dissertation Research Award recognizes a member whose dissertation is of exceptional quality and makes an important contribution to acute and/or critical care nursing scholarship across the lifespan.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
 - Study problem is significant for the field of acute and/or critical care nursing across the lifespan
 - Demonstrates rigor in research
 - Contains findings that contribute to advancing science, education, practice, and/or policy in areas related to acute and/or critical care across the lifespan
 - Demonstrates ability to move forward in their contribution to scholarship
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the *Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan Research & Implementation Interest Group*

- The applicant has completed doctoral degree requirements and the dissertation or degree was awarded between May 2019 and December 2021.

d) Submission Requirements:

- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by a faculty member who is familiar with the nominee's dissertation that includes the following information:
 - Nominee name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information,
 - Description of achievement in relation to the above award criteria
 - Nominator's name, credentials, and contact information
- A summary of the dissertation research is not to exceed 2 pages in length.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae

4) DNP Project Award:

a) Purpose of the Award: The DNP Project Award recognizes a member whose scholarly project is of exceptional quality and makes an important contribution to acute and/or critical care nursing practice across the lifespan.

b) Criteria for the Award:

- DNP project is significant, innovative, well-defined, and addresses an important problem in acute and/or critical care across the lifespan
- DNP project demonstrates rigor and reflects mastery of evidence-based skills necessary to improve outcomes in acute and/or critical care across the lifespan
- Demonstrates progress toward the production of scholarly work in regards to measurable improvement in quality or impact on care delivery and/or outcomes
- Nominee demonstrates the ability for future scholarly nursing practice

c) Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the *Acute and Critical Care Across the Lifespan Research & Implementation Interest Group*
- The applicant has completed graduate degree requirements and DNP Project between May 2019 and December 2021.

d) Submission Requirements:

- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) from a faculty member who is familiar with the nominee's scholarly work in acute & critical care research/research application that includes the nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
- A summary of the project or project abstract, not to exceed 2 pages in length.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae.

5) Undergraduate Research Award:

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Undergraduate Research Award is awarded to recognize an outstanding undergraduate student who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to acute and/or critical care across lifespan research.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
 - The student has accomplished one or more of the following:
 - Has taken an active role in the participation of acute and/or critical care across lifespan research.
 - Has taken an active role in the dissemination of acute and/or critical care across lifespan research.
 - Has taken an active role in the production of scholarly work in regard to acute and/or critical care across the lifespan research, such as participation in a literature review, working on an evidence-based practice project, or being a part of school projects.
 - Has demonstrated significant potential for leadership
 - The student demonstrates significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities related to acute and/or critical care across the lifespan research/research application while an undergraduate nursing student.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - The student is a member of MNRS or must join MNRS as a student member.
 - The student is in a baccalaureate nursing program.
 - The student currently has a strong academic record in their respective program.
- d) **Submission Requirements:**
 - A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by a faculty member who is familiar with the nominee's scholarly work in acute and/or critical care across the lifespan research/research application that includes the nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
 - A personal statement from the nominee that speaks to the above award criteria (maximum of 1 page).
 - Nominee's curriculum vitae.
 - Nominee's unofficial transcript.

6) **Early Career Investigator Award:**

a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Early Career Investigator Research Award is to recognize the contribution of an early career investigator who has conducted health of diverse population research, which has the potential to enhance the science and practice in this research area.

b) **Criteria for the Award:**

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

c) **Eligibility Requirements:**

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

d) **Submission Requirements:**

- 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 health of diverse populations and that includes the nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
- The nomination letter is completed 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.
- An 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 & Implementation Interest Group meeting during the next annual conference.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae.

7) **Advancement of Science Award:**

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Advancement of Science Award is to recognize the contribution of a Health of Diverse Population RIIG member who had advanced science in the area of health of diverse populations through research, theory, and/or evidence-based practices.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
 - Submit evidence of a program of research or scholarship for integration in the health of diverse populations.
 - Provide evidence of dissemination of scholarly work (i.e. presentations, publications, etc.).
 - Demonstrate evidence of mentoring other nurse scientists.
 - Have recent publication(s) related to the health of diverse populations within the past 3-5 years.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - The applicant is a member of MNRS and the Health of Divers Population Interest Group.
 - The applicant has earned a research or practice doctorate degree.
- **d) Submission Requirements:**
 - A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) of how the applicant's work has made a distinguished contribution to the nominee's areas of scholarly achievements and that includes the nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
 - The nomination letter is submitted by a research colleague who is familiar with the applicant's research activities. An applicant may initiate the nomination, in which case the applicant is to acknowledge the nomination.
 - An 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 & Implementation Interest Group meeting during the next annual conference.
 - Two recent samples of scholarly work (published articles) authored by the nominee demonstrate the quality and rigor of his/her work. Empirically-based research published in peer-reviewed journals is preferred.
 - Nominee's curriculum vitae.

8) **Mid-Career Investigator Award:**

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Mid-Career Investigator Research Award is to recognize the contribution of a mid-career investigator who has conducted health of diverse population research, which has enhanced the science and practice in this research area.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
 - Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or a related field.

- Has more than 5 publications, presentations, and funding records 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 the health of diverse populations.

c) Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant should have conducted more than 5 research studies with at least one with the national level funding as a PI and one as a Co-I, focusing on issues related to the health of diverse populations.
- The applicant is a member of MNRS and the Health of Diverse Population Interest Group.
- Individuals can be either self-nominated or nominated by a current member of MNRS.
- The applicant has earned research or practice doctorate degree within the past 10 years

d) Submission Requirements:

- 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 health of diverse populations and that includes the nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
- The nomination letter is completed 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.
- An 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 & Implementation Interest Group meeting during the next annual conference.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae.

9) Senior Investigator Award:

c) **Purpose of the Award:** The Senior Investigator Research Award is to recognize the contribution of a senior career investigator who has conducted health of diverse population research, which has enhanced the science and practice in this research area.

d) **Criteria for the Award:**

- Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or a related field.
- Has more than 10 publications, presentations, and funding records 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 the health of diverse populations.

c) Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant should have conducted more than 5 research studies with at least one with the national level funding as a PI and three as a Co-I, focusing on issues related to the health of diverse populations.
- The applicant is a member of MNRS and of the Health of Divers Population Interest Group.
- Individuals can be either self-nominated or nominated by a current member of MNRS.
- The applicant has earned research or practice doctorate degree within the past 20 years

d) Submission Requirements:

- 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 health of diverse populations and that includes the nominee's name, credentials (if applicable), and contact information, a description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria, and the nominator's name, credentials, and contact information.
- The nomination letter is completed 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.
- An 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 & Implementation Interest Group meeting during the next annual conference.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

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