These awards are designed to recognize members of the MNRS Health Systems, Policy, and Informatics Research & Implementation Interest Group (HSPI-RIIG) who are in different stages of their careers. These RIIG awards do not take the place of other awards given by the MNRS as an organization.

1. Distinguished Investigator
2. Mid-Career Investigator
3. Early-Stage Investigator
4. Dissertation Award
5. DNP Capstone Award

Nominations for these awards are due **DECEMBER 6, 2022 by midnight EST**, with all components of the application submitted online at [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)

Nominations may be made by a colleague or via self-nomination.

Award recipients will be notified of the RIIG Awards Committee decisions in January of 2023. The awards will be presented at the RIIG Meeting during the Annual Research Conference. The awardee is strongly encouraged to be present to receive the award.

1. **DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD**
   
   a) **Purpose of the Award**: The Distinguished Investigator Award is awarded to an experienced researcher who has made outstanding contributions to Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group and has served as a mentor for students and/or 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 Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy 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 health systems, informatics and policy.

c) Eligibility Requirements:
- The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy 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 about the above award criteria.
  - Nominator’s name, signature, and contact information.
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae.

The awardee must be willing to present their project at the Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group meeting during the next annual conference, if requested.

2. MID-CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD
   a) Purpose of the Award: The Mid-Career Investigator Award is awarded to researchers who have
      - been in their position for more than 5 years since receiving their doctoral degree and have demonstrated a consistent record of contributions to health systems, policy, or informatics science.
   b) Criteria for the Award:
      - Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or 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 health systems, policy, or informatics science.
   c) Eligibility Requirements:
      - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Health Systems, Policy, and Informatics RIIG
      - >5 years since receiving doctoral degree
   d) Submission Requirements:
      - A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) submitted by a research colleague who is familiar with the applicant’s research and mentorship activities that include the following information:
        - Nominee’s name, credentials, and contact information
        - Description of meritorious achievement in relation to the above award criteria
        - Nominator’s name, signature, and contact information
3. NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD
   a) **Purpose of the Award:** The New Investigator Award is awarded to a member who has received a doctoral degree within the past five years and has an outstanding research/research application trajectory.
   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 program of research with high potential for translation into practice and/or the ability to enhance nursing science in areas related to health systems, informatics and policy.
   c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
      - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy 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 includes the following information:
        - Nominee name, credentials, and contact information.
        - Description of meritorious achievement about the above award criteria.
        - Nominator’s name, signature, and contact information.
      - An abstract of the program of research (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead).
      - Nominee’s curriculum vitae.
      - The awardee must be willing to present their project at the Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group meeting during the next annual conference, if requested.

4. DISSERTATION AWARD
   a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Dissertation Award is awarded to recognize an outstanding recent Ph.D. graduate who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group.
   b) **Criteria for the Award:**
      - The nominee is no more than three years since graduation with Ph.D. degree.
      - The nominee demonstrates progress toward the production of scholarly work in the area of health systems, informatics, and policy (e.g a dissertation).
      - The dissertation contributes specifically to advancing the science of health systems, informatics, and policy.
      - Dissertation findings have been disseminated at a timeline appropriate to the completion timeline.
The nominee demonstrates significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities related to health systems, informatics, and policy.

c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- The applicant is a member of MNRS and the Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group member.
- The awardee must be willing to present their dissertation at the *Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group* meeting during the next annual conference if requested.

d) **Submission Requirements:**
- A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by a faculty member familiar with the nominee’s scholarly work in health systems, informatics, and policy and a member of MNRS. Nominations must include the nominator’s name, credentials, and contact information.
- A removable cover page that includes the applicant’s name, institution, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and title of dissertation.
- A personal statement from the nominee that speaks to the above award criteria (maximum of 1 page).
- Dissertation abstract (maximum of 2 pages).
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae.

5. **DNP CAPSTONE AWARD**

   a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Capstone Award is awarded to recognize an outstanding DNP graduate who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to *Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group*.

   b) **Criteria for the Award:**
   - The nominee is no more than three years since graduation with a DNP degree.
   - The nominee demonstrates progress toward the production of scholarly work in the area of health systems, informatics, and policy (e.g. DNP capstone project).
   - The capstone contributes specifically to advancing the science of health systems, informatics, and policy.
   - Capstone findings have been disseminated at a timeline appropriate to the timeline of completion.
   - The nominee demonstrates significant academic potential, as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities related to health systems, informatics, and policy research.

   c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
   - The applicant is a member of MNRS and a member of the *Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group*.
   - The awardee must be willing to present their project at the *Health Systems, Informatics, and Policy Research & Implementation Interest Group* meeting during the next annual conference, if requested.

   f) **Submission Requirements:**
● A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by a faculty member familiar with the nominee’s scholarly work about health systems, informatics, and policy and a member of MNRS. Nominations must include the nominator’s name, credentials, and contact information.
● A removable cover page includes the applicant’s name, institution, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and title of DNP project.
● A personal statement from the nominee that speaks to the above award criteria (maximum of 1 page).
● DNP project abstract (maximum of 2 pages).
● Nominee’s curriculum vitae.