These awards are designed to recognize members of the MNRS Pediatric Research & Implementation 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, 2023, 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) **OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION RESEARCH 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 pediatric nursing scholarship.
   b) **Criteria for the Award:**
      - Study problem is significant for the field of pediatric nursing
      - Demonstrates rigor in research
      - Contains findings that contribute to advancing science, education, practice, and/or policy in areas related to pediatric nursing
      - Demonstrates ability to move forward in his/her contribution to science
      - Dissertation has been submitted for publication and presented at the local level
   c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
      - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Pediatric Research & Implementation Interest Group
      - The applicant has completed doctoral degree requirements and dissertation and 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 not to exceed 2 pages in length
2) **EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER AWARD**
   a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Early-Stage Researcher Award is awarded to a member who received her/his doctoral degree within the last ten years and has not yet earned tenure at a tenure-granting institution and who has an outstanding research/research application trajectory.
   b) **Criteria for the Award:**
      - Has a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for career stage
      - Demonstrates significant potential for leadership
      - Has a program of research with high potential for translation into practice and/or the ability to enhance nursing science in areas related to pediatrics
      - Research dissemination has occurred beyond the local level at regional, national, or international conferences
   c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
      - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Pediatric Research & Implementation Interest Group
      - The applicant/nominee earned a doctoral degree in nursing or a related field in December 2012 or later
   d) **Submission Requirements:**
      - An abstract of the program of research (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead)
      - Nominee’s curriculum vitae
      - A brief 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)

3) **MID-CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD**
   a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Mid-Career Researcher Award is awarded to a member who received her/his doctoral degree before December 2012 or has been promoted to Associate Professor (or equivalent) or has earned tenure at a tenure-granting institution and has an outstanding program of research.
   b) **Criteria for the Award:**
      - Has a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for career stage
      - Demonstrates significant mentorship, leadership, and service to the profession
      - Has a program of research that enhances nursing science in areas related to pediatrics
      - Research dissemination has occurred at national or international conferences
   c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
      - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Pediatric Research & Implementation Interest Group
      - The applicant/nominee earned a doctoral degree in nursing or a related field in December 2012 or later
   d) **Submission Requirements:**
      - An abstract of the program of research (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead)
      - Nominee’s curriculum vitae
      - A brief 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)

4) **DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD**
   a) **Purpose of the Award:** The Distinguished Researcher Award is awarded to an experienced researcher with a doctoral degree who has made outstanding contributions to pediatric research and served as a mentor for students and peers.
b) Criteria for the Award:
   - Has a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for career stage
   - Demonstrates a sustained track record of mentorship to students and/or colleagues
   - Is nationally and/or internationally recognized for leadership in pediatric research
   - Has a program of research with evidence of translation into practice and/or the ability to enhance nursing science in areas related to pediatrics

c) Eligibility Requirements:
   - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the Pediatric 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 includes 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.