



**Perinatal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Implementation & Interest Group
Distinguished Investigator, New Investigator, Dissertation Research Award, DNP Project Award,
& Undergraduate Research Award Request for Applications**

These awards are designed to recognize members of the MNRS *Perinatal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health 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, 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 Distinguished Investigator Award is awarded to an experienced researcher who has made outstanding contributions to perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research and served as a mentor for students and peers.
- 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 a track record of mentorship to students and/or peers.
 - Is nationally and/or internationally recognized for leadership in perinatal, sexual and reproductive health 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the *Perinatal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health 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.

2) 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:**
- Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or related field.
 - Has a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for career stage.
 - The nominee 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- d) The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the *Perinatal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Implementation & Interest Group*
- e) **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) 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health scholarship across the lifespan.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
- Study problem is significant for the field of perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research
 - Demonstrates rigor in research
 - Contains findings that contribute to advancing science, education, practice, and/or policy in areas related to perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research
 - 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 *Perinatal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Implementation & Interest Group*
 - The applicant has completed doctoral degree requirements and dissertation, or degree was awarded between May 2020 and December 2022.
- 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.
 - 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health nursing practice across the lifespan.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
- DNP project is significant, innovative, well-defined, and addresses an important problem in perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research
 - DNP project demonstrates rigor and reflects mastery of evidence-based skills necessary to improve outcomes in perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research
 - Demonstrates progress toward the production of scholarly work in regard to measurable improvement in quality or impact on care delivery and/or outcomes
 - Nominee demonstrates ability for future scholarly nursing practice
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- The applicant/nominee is a member of MNRS and member of the *Perinatal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health Implementation & Interest Group*
 - The applicant has completed graduate degree requirements and DNP Project between May 2020 and December 2022.
- 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research /research application that includes the nominee's 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.
 - 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research.
 - Has taken an active role in the dissemination of perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research.
 - Has taken an active role in the production of scholarly work in regard to perinatal, sexual and reproductive health 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health 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 perinatal, sexual and reproductive health research /research application that includes the nominee's 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.
- 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.