



QUALITATIVE METHODS RESEARCH & IMPLEMENTATION INTEREST GROUP
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR, ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AND DNP
SCHOLARLY PROJECT AWARD**

These awards recognize members of the MNRS *Qualitative Methods Research & Implementation Interest Group (QM-RIIG)* who are in different stages of their careers. These section awards do not take the place of other awards given by the MNRS as an organization.

Awards Timeline:

1. Nominations open on **October 7, 2022**. Nominations by a colleague or self-nomination are welcome.
2. Awards are due **December 6, 2022, by 5:00 PM EST** via the [2023 Annual Research Conference website](#).
3. Notification 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 before 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.

Award recipients will be notified prior to the MNRS Annual Research Conference. The award will be presented at the QM-RIIG Meeting during the Annual Research Conference. The awardee is encouraged to be present to receive the award and will be invited to provide a brief presentation (roughly 10 minutes) of their research at the section meeting.

Please direct questions to chuka_n_emezue@rush.edu. Responses will be sent within three business days.

1) DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD

- a) Purpose of the Award:** The purpose of the Distinguished Investigator Award is to recognize an **experienced researcher and QM RIIG** member who has made outstanding contributions to application or development of qualitative research methods and has served as a mentor for students and/or peers.
- b) Criteria for the Award:**
 - Has earned a doctoral degree in nursing or related field.
 - Presents evidence of a publication, presentation, and funding record appropriate for career stage that distinguishes this investigator as a qualitative researcher.
 - Demonstrates a track record of mentorship to students and/or peers.
 - Is nationally and/or internationally recognized for leadership in qualitative research.
 - Has a program of research that has been translated into practice and/or has enhanced nursing science in areas using qualitative methods.
- c) Eligibility Requirements:**

- The applicant/nominee is both a member of MNRS and the *QM-RIIG*.

d) Submission Requirements:

- Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
- Self-nomination is allowed.
- Each nomination packet must include the following:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae of the nominee.
 - b) Two letters of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) completed by those mentored by the nominee and who are familiar with the nominee's areas of scholarly achievements that includes the following information:
 - o Nominee name, credentials, and contact information,
 - o Description of nominee's achievement related to above award criteria,
 - o Nominator's name, signature, contact information, and MNRS member number.

2) ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD

a) Purpose of the Award: The purpose of the Advancement of Science Award is to recognize the contributions of an *MNRS QM-RIIG* member who has advanced science through research or theory development using qualitative methods and has served as a mentor for students and/or peers. **Individuals in all career stages are encouraged to apply.**

b) Criteria for the Award:

- Submit evidence of a program of scholarship using qualitative research methods.
- Provide evidence of dissemination of scholarly work (i.e., presentations, publications, etc.).
- Demonstrate evidence of mentoring students and/or peers.
- Have recent publication(s) related to qualitative methods or using qualitative research methods within the past 3-5 years.

c) Eligibility Requirements:

- Current MNRS member in good standing.
- Member of the *QM-RIIG*.
- Have an earned doctorate in nursing or a related field.

d) Submission Requirements:

- Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
- Self-nomination is allowed.
- Each nomination packet must include the following:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae of the nominee,
 - b) Two letters of support addressing the significance of the nominee's contributions to the advancement of science through research. At least one letter of support must be from an active MNRS member. Letters of support from active MNRS members must include their MNRS member number.
 - c) Two samples of scholarly work (published manuscripts) authored by the nominee that demonstrate the quality and rigor of their work. Publications in peer-reviewed journals are preferred.

3). ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE EVIDENCE-BASED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The purpose of the Advancement of Science Evidence-Based Scholarship Award is to recognize the contributions of an *MNRS QM-RIIG* member who has advanced science through the development and implementation of evidence-based practices, using a qualitative approach, be it through research or practice outcomes. **Individuals in all career stages are encouraged to apply.**
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
- Submit evidence demonstrating the scholarship of integration using qualitative approaches.
 - Provide evidence of dissemination of scholarly work (i.e., presentations, publications, etc.).
 - Demonstrate evidence of mentoring students or practitioners.
 - Have recent publication(s) related to the implementation of EBP using a qualitative approach within the past 3-5 years.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- Current MNRS member in good standing.
 - Member of the QM-RIIG.
 - Have an earned a DNP or Ph.D.
- d) **Submission Requirements:**
- Nominations must be made by an active MNRS member (regular, student, or retired).
 - Self-nomination is allowed.
 - Each nomination packet must include the following:
 - a) Current curriculum vitae of the nominee.
 - b) Two letters of support addressing the significance of the nominee's contributions to the advancement of scholarship related to nursing education, nursing research, nursing policy development or practice improvement. At least one letter of support must be from an active MNRS member. Letters of support submitted by members must include their MNRS member number.
 - c) Two samples of scholarly work (published manuscripts, presentations) authored by the nominee that demonstrate the quality and rigor of their work. Publications in peer-reviewed journals are preferred.

4) OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

- a. **Purpose of the Award:** The Dissertation Award recognizes an **outstanding doctoral student** who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to qualitative research.
- b. **Criteria for the Award:**
- Evidence of an active role in the completion of Ph.D. dissertation that incorporates qualitative research.
 - Provides evidence of progress toward the production/dissemination of qualitative, scholarly research, such as working on a dissertation project.
 - Evidence of current professional leadership paid or volunteer and evidence for significant potential for leadership.
 - Significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities related to qualitative research while a graduate nursing student.
- c. **Eligibility Requirements:**

- The applicant is a member of MNRS or must join MNRS as a student member or be within 1-year post degree.
 - The applicant is enrolled in or recently graduated from a Doctor of Philosophy program (Ph.D.) – program (within 1-year post degree).
- d. **Submission Requirements:**
- A faculty member who is familiar with the nominee’s scholarly work in qualitative research will submit the following:
 - 1) A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) that includes the nominee 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.
 - 2) A personal statement from the nominee that speaks to the above award criteria (maximum of 1 page).
 - 3) Nominee’s curriculum vitae.

5) OUTSTANDING DNP SCHOLARLY PROJECT AWARD

- a) **Purpose of the Award:** The DNP Scholarly Project Award recognizes **an outstanding doctoral student** who demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to evidence-based practice improvement.
- b) **Criteria for the Award:**
- Evidence of an active role in completion of DNP scholarly work that incorporates a qualitative approach.
 - Current professional leadership paid or volunteered, evidence of significant potential for leadership.
 - Significant academic potential as evidenced by participation in scholarly activities while a graduate nursing student.
- c) **Eligibility Requirements:**
- The applicant is a member of MNRS or must join MNRS as a student member or be within 1-year post-degree.
 - The applicant is enrolled in or recently graduated from a Doctor of Nursing practice (DNP) program (within 1 year post degree).
- d) **Submission Requirements:**
- A faculty member who is familiar with the nominee’s scholarly work, including the integration of a qualitative approach, will submit the following:
 - 1) A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages on letterhead) that includes the nominee 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.
 - 2) A personal statement from the nominee that speaks to the above award criteria (maximum of 1 page).
 - 3) Nominee’s curriculum vitae.

NOTIFICATION - The award recipient will be notified January 31, 2023. Awardees are encouraged to attend the virtual RIIG meeting prior to the conference to provide a brief presentation (roughly 10 minutes) of their

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