

2025/2026 Annual Research Conference RIIG Symposia and Awards Timeline

St. Louis, Missouri | April 1-4, 2026

Conference Theme: *50 Years of Nursing Science: Innovating and Inspiring the Future*

** please note: Dates highlighted in red are hard deadlines and dates in black are suggested deadlines to help keep you on track*



Category	Action Item	Dates
RIIG Hivebrite	Update Hivebrite with the latest newsletter, upcoming events, and member spotlights. RIIGs may also begin to coordinate meetings with their members as needed or at their discretion.	All Year/Monthly
RIIG Symposia	The Executive Office will email RIIG Chairs to remind them to begin discussing with their members their intent to submit a Guaranteed or Competitive Symposium. Chairs should also begin considering the symposium format (selected abstracts, invited presenters, or a combination), as well as the proposed title, theme, and call for abstracts.	6/1/2025
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chairs review RIIG Handbook "Guaranteed Research Symposia" and "Competitive Research Symposia" sections	6/1/2025
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chair finalizes Symposium Committee.	6/13/2025
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chair deadline to finalize intent to submit Guaranteed or Competitive Symposium with the Executive Office.	6/23/2025
RIIG Symposia	Call for Symposia (Guaranteed and Competitive, Special Sessions, and Workshops) launches.	6/30/2025
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chairs should distribute the Call for Abstracts to their RIIG members via Hivebrite or email, and reach out to potential invited panelists to gauge interest and availability. MNRS will additionally promote the Call for Abstracts to the broader membership. RIIG members should submit their abstracts directly to the RIIG Chair via email for review.	6/30/2025
RIIG Symposia	Submission Site Opens for Pre-Conference Workshops and Special Sessions	7/9/2025
RIIG Symposia	Submission Site Opens for RIIG Chairs to submit final Guaranteed or Competitive Symposia. <i>Only RIIG Chairs or designated RIIG representatives will have access to submit finalized symposia.</i>	7/9/2025
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chairs remind their members about calls for abstracts at this time.	7/9/2025
RIIG Symposia	Deadline for RIIG members to submit abstracts to RIIG Chairs. By this date, we also recommend that RIIG Chairs and Symposium Committees finalize their invited panelists and gather all necessary information required to complete the RIIG Symposium submission.	8/4/2025
RIIG Symposia	Following review of solicited abstracts and compiling of invited panelist information by the RIIG Symposium Committee, deadline for RIIG Chair to create the symposium submission and add participants via the online abstract submission system.	8/15/2025
RIIG Symposia	Deadline for RIIG symposia participants to submit their abstracts & financial disclosures	8/20/2025

RIIG Symposia	Deadline for RIIG chair to finalize and submit via online portal.	8/22/2025
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chair to notify individual authors of abstracts as to whether they were selected for inclusion in the submitted symposia	8/22/2025
RIIG Awards	The Executive Office will provide RIIG Chairs with information to launch the 2025 RIIG Awards, including standardized award options and templates.	8/26/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs begin to assemble RIIG Awards Committee, working together to decide on the 2025 RIIG Awards/Calls.	8/26/2025
RIIG Symposia	Program Planning Committee deadline to select Competitive Symposia	8/26/2025
RIIG Symposia	Board deadline to approve Guaranteed and Competitive Symposia	9/1/2025
RIIG Symposia	Executive Office emails acceptance/denial/approval letters to the primary organizer, with individual abstract authors cc'd. Individual abstract authors receiving a denial letter may submit their abstract to the general call for competitive abstracts.	9/9/2025
RIIG Awards	Deadline for RIIG Chairs to submit their RIIG Award Call/Calls for Applications and names of the RIIG Review Committee to info@mnrs.org.	9/26/2025
RIIG Awards	Executive Office will create online RIIG Award applications and send link for RIIG Chairs to include on the RIIG Award Call for Applications.	10/15/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chair emails RIIG Award Calls to RIIG members using Groupsie (See RIIG Handbook "Communicating within your RIIG"). Executive office will also disseminate the call via our website, marketing emails, and through MNRS Matters.	10/15/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Award Application Submission Site Opens (8 week window to submit) .	10/15/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls via Groupsie. Executive office will also send a reminder call and will provide an update to RIIG Chairs regarding the number of applications received to date (6 weeks left to submit) .	10/29/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls through Groupsie. Executive office will also send a reminder call and will provide an update to RIIG Chairs regarding the number of applications received to date (4 weeks left to submit) .	11/12/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls through Groupsie. Executive office will also send a reminder call and will provide an update to RIIG Chairs regarding the number of applications received to date. (2 weeks left to submit) .	11/26/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls through Groupsie. Executive office will also send a reminder call and will provide an update to RIIG Chairs regarding the number of applications received to date (1 week left to submit) .	12/3/2025
RIIG Awards	Deadline for RIIG members to submit their RIIG Award Applications via the online submission portal. Deadline is at 5:00 PM Eastern time.	12/10/2025
RIIG Awards	MNRS Office opens RIIG Award review site. The link will be emailed to all assigned RIIG Chairs AND assigned reviewers.	12/17/2025
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs coordinate review of applications with their RIIG Awards Committee.	12/17/2025-1/18/2026
RIIG Symposia	Executive Office notifies primary organizer of session date/time assignment	1/13/2026
RIIG Awards	Executive Office compiles and emails review scoring summaries to RIIG Award Committee	1/23/2026

RIIG Awards	Deadline for RIIG Chairs to submit 2025 RIIG Award recipient names to the Executive Office.	1/30/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs notify RIIG Award Recipients and Applicants who were not chosen by email. RIIG Award Recipients should be notified that RIIG Awards will be announced at the RIIG Meeting at the annual conference.	1/30/2026-2/11/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chair will pick up framed certificates from the Registration Desk to hand out at the annual RIIG meeting.	4/1/26-4/4/2026

*2026 Guaranteed Symposia RIIGS
Acute & Critical Care Across Lifespan
Family Health
Gerontological Nursing Science
Nursing Education
Self-Care
Symptom Science