

2026/2027 RIIG Symposia and Awards Timeline

2027 MNRS ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE GRAND RAPID, MICHIGAN | MARCH 31 - APRIL 3, 2027

Conference Theme:

Bridging Healthcare Access through Nursing Scholarship, Partnership, Policy, and Practice

2026/2027 Quarterly RIIG Chair Check-Ins

11:00 AM CT/ 12:00 PM ET:

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Wednesday, February 10, 2027

Category	Action Item	Dates
RIIG Hivebrite	Update Hivebrite with the latest newsletter, upcoming events, meetings, resources, discussions, and member spotlights. RIIGs may also begin to coordinate meetings with their members as needed or at their discretion.	All Year/Monthly
RIIG Meeting	Quarterly RIIG Chair Check-In and Hivebrite Admin Training	5/13/2026
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.	By 5/29/2026
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chairs review RIIG Handbook "Guaranteed Research Symposia" and "Competitive Research Symposia" sections	By 6/1/2026
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chair finalizes Symposium Committee.	6/9/2026
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chair deadline to finalize intent to submit Guaranteed or Competitive Symposium with the Executive Office.	6/22/2026
RIIG Symposia	Call for Symposia (Guaranteed and Competitive, Special Sessions, and Workshops) launches.	6/29/2026
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.	6/26/2026
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>	6/29/2026
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chairs remind their members about calls for abstracts at this time.	6/30/2026
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.	7/21/2026
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.	8/3/2026
RIIG Symposia	Deadline for RIIG symposia participants to submit their abstracts & financial disclosures	8/7/2026
RIIG Symposia	Deadline for RIIG chair to finalize and submit via online portal.	8/7/2026
RIIG Symposia	RIIG Chair to notify individual authors of abstracts as to whether they were selected for inclusion in the submitted symposia	8/7/2026
Grant Reviewers	RIIG Chairs send a call to RIIG members for grant submission reviewers, 4-5 needed from each RIIG.	8/10/2026
RIIG Meeting	Quarterly RIIG Chair Check-In	8/12/2026
RIIG Awards	The Executive Office will provide RIIG Chairs with information to launch the 2025 RIIG Awards, including standardized award options and templates.	8/26/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs begin to assemble RIIG Awards Committee, working together to decide on the 2025 RIIG Awards/Calls.	8/26/2026
RIIG Symposia	Program Planning Committee deadline to select Competitive Symposia	8/31/2026
RIIG Symposia	Board deadline to approve Guaranteed and Competitive Symposia	9/4/2026
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.	9/7/2026
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 .	9/25/2026

Grant Reviewers	Deadline for RIIG Chairs to provide list of members who will provide grant submission reviews.	10/1/2026
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.	10/15/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chair emails RIIG Award Calls to RIIG members using Groupsites (See RIIG Handbook "Communicating within your RIIG"). Executive office will also disseminate the call via our website, marketing emails, and through MNRS Matters.	10/15/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Award Application Submission Site Opens (8 week window to submit).	10/15/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls via Groupsites. 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).	10/29/2026
RIIG Meeting	Quarterly RIIG Chair Check-In	11/11/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls through Groupsites. 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).	11/12/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls through Groupsites. 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).	11/26/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs remind members of RIIG Award Calls through Groupsites. 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).	12/3/2026
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.	12/10/2026
RIIG Awards	MNRS Office opens RIIG Award review site. The link will be emailed to all assigned RIIG Chairs AND assigned reviewers.	12/17/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chairs coordinate review of applications with their RIIG Awards Committee	12/17/2026-1/19/2027
RIIG Symposia	Executive Office notifies primary organizer of session date/time assignment	12/3/2026
RIIG Awards	Executive Office compiles and emails review scoring summaries to RIIG Award Committee	1/22/2027
RIIG Awards	Deadline for RIIG Chairs to submit 2025 RIIG Award recipient names to the Executive Office.	1/29/2027
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.	1/29/2027-2/11/2027
RIIG Meeting	Quarterly RIIG Chair Check-In	2/10/2026
RIIG Awards	RIIG Chair will pick up framed certificates from the Registration Desk to hand out at the annual RIIG meeting.	4/1/2027-4/3/2027

2027 Guaranteed Symposia RIIGS
Health Promoting Behaviors Across the Lifespan
Palliative & End-of-Life Care
Perinatal, Sexual, & Reproductive Health
Physiology, Behavior, Genomics, & Society
Population & Community Health
Research thru Academic-Clinical Partnerships

2028 Guaranteed Symposia RIIGS
Adolescent Health
Disability and Multiple Chronic Health Conditions
Health Systems, Policy, & Informatics
Implementation & Translational Science
Pediatric
Qualitative Method
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

2029 Guaranteed Symposia RIIGS
Acute & Critical Care Across Lifespan
Family Health
Gerontological Nursing Science
Nursing Education
Self-Care
Symptom Science