

Midwest Nursing Research Society News

The Midwest Nursing Research Society advances the scientific basis of nursing practice and promotes development of nurse scientists

Important Note for the Readers

In the October 2009 issue of WJNR, the MNRS News section was inadvertently omitted from the table of contents. The following information is the news that should have been included in that issue.

As the holiday season approaches, we hope that your application for one of the growing number of MNRS grants or a prestigious MNRS award is almost complete. Deadlines for both grant applications and award nominations are either December 1st or December 10th each year. All the information you need, including instructions and access to the online submission system is available at www.mnrs.org. Just as a reminder, the following grants and awards are available to meet the needs of different MNRS members.

MNRS/CANS Dissertation Research Grants

The Midwest Nursing Research Society in conjunction with the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) is pleased to offer three (3) Dissertation Research Grants of \$2,500 each. The purpose of the dissertation grant is to encourage dissertation research that advances nursing science and practice. Funds are available for quantitative and qualitative research on any topic relevant to nursing science. Applicants must be members of both MNRS and CANS. Proposals must be uploaded online by the close of business day **December 10, 2009**.

MNRS Investigator Seed Grants

The Midwest Nursing Research Society is pleased to offer two (2) Seed Grants of \$10,000 each. The purpose of this seed grant is to support

research in the Midwest that advances nursing science and practice. Funds are available for quantitative and qualitative research on any topic relevant to nursing science. This funding is available to all MNRS nursing researchers, regardless of prior funding history or time from dissertation. Proposals must be [uploaded online](#) by the close of business day **December 10, 2009**.

MNRS New Investigator Seed Grants

The Midwest Nursing Research Society is pleased to offer two (2) New Investigator Seed Grants of \$10,000 each. The purpose of this grant is to support research in the Midwest that advances nursing science and practice. Funds are available for quantitative or qualitative research on any topic relevant to nursing science. Applicants are not eligible if they are more than five years post-dissertation or have received major private or federal research funding. Proposals must be [uploaded online](#) by the close of business day **December 10, 2009**.

MNRS/STT Research Grants

The Midwest Nursing Research Society/Sigma Theta Tau International Research Grant is to encourage qualified nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing through research; proposals for pilot and/or developmental research may be submitted. All research topics and designs are eligible for support. Multidisciplinary, historical, and international research is encouraged. Nominations will be accepted beginning December 1, 2009. April 1, 2010 is the deadline.

MNRS Mentorship Grant Awards

The purpose of this award is to create opportunities for mentorship of doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty by established researchers at another institution within the MNRS organization. The goal is to facilitate a mentoring relationship between new or junior investigators and senior faculty who reside at different institutions to facilitate the former's research abilities to prepare for a productive research career. The MNRS Mentorship Award of \$1,000 can be used for expenses involved

in working with their mentor, such as telephone, postage, travel, honorarium, or other training expenses needed to develop a focused program of research that results in refereed publication and external grant funding. Applications should be submitted by the mentee with the support of a designated mentor who has agreed in writing to serve in this capacity. This mentoring relationship will be formally sponsored by MNRS for one year, with special recognition provided at the Annual Meeting. **Deadline for applications are: August 1, 2009, December 1, 2009 and April 1, 2010.** [Apply online now!](#)

MNRS AWARDS DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 10TH

If you are not submitting grant application, perhaps you would like to nominate a colleague, or be nominated yourself, for a prestigious MNRS award. The deadline for receipt of nominations for all awards is **December 10, 2009**. Please see the MNRS website for details about submitting a nomination for one of the following awards:

Distinguished Service Award	MNRS/John A. Hartford Foundation Award	Lifetime Achievement Award
Distinguished Contribution Award	Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award	Selection Process

MNRS FOUNDATION NEWS

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT . . . One Additional Seed Grant Now Available!

In the last issue, we reported our success in raising funds, and after obtaining the final figures, we are able to add an additional grant. Thanks to all who contributed through the Silent Auction, the FUNdraiser, the Geocaching event, Honor a Researcher, and donations to the Foundation, we obtained enough funds to add a **NEW \$10,000 Seed Grant** to be awarded at the 2010 conference! **Now, thanks to your generosity, we will be able to award a total of four Seed Grants!**

MNRS began by awarding one Seed Grant, then two, and about three years ago increased it to three. All of these were funded from income from

dues and conference fees, and MNRS continues to fund about one-half of the grants from its budget, as well as the operating expenses of the Foundation. The recently established Foundation is charged with raising sufficient funds to support the other one-half of the funds needed for the grants program. In order to expand the numbers of grants, the Foundation must raise more than the one-half of the current budget. Since our mission is to raise more money for grants, we're so pleased to celebrate with members this success in adding a grant.

The value of these grants is clear from the feedback from two of the past Seed Grant recipients:

"The MNRS Seed Grant enabled me to collect additional data from low income urban youth that served as preliminary findings for an R01 submission" . . . Colleen Corte, PhD, RN

"Findings from my MNRS Seed Grant provided the basis for further investigations of Alzheimer's Disease caregivers in the process of nursing home placement" . . . Olimpia Paun, PhD, APRN, BC.

We would love to hear from other MNRS grant recipients! If you are an MNRS grant recipient and would like to share your story about the effect of MNRS funding on your career, please send your comments to me at lusk@umich.edu.

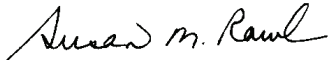
Now the goal is to work toward funding even more grants to our members next year. To accomplish that goal, more tickets to the FUNdraiser need to be sold and great items need to be donated to the Silent Auction.

Please join us in the fun by signing up to work on one of the two Committees that plan the fund raising events at the Conference, the **Silent Auction Committee** or the **Talent Show Committee**. More details regarding these committees can be found in the August Issue of MNRS News in WJNR. All you need to do is let Sally Kittredge at the MNRS headquarters know of your interest.

By now you will have received the request to respond to a brief query about foundation funding. If you have received foundation funding, please share that information with the MNRS Foundation Board of Trustees by responding to that survey. We need your help in setting priorities for seeking external funding for our grants program.

Our success in fundraising is possible only because MNRS members believe in the importance of research and are willing to help support it. The Board of Trustees of the MNRS Foundation join me in thanking MNRS members for this support.

Happy Holidays to All!

Handwritten signature of Susan M. Rawl in black ink.

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