



## Nursing Research Excellence Award

### Nomination Form 2026

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The promotion of nursing research is a critical component of CASN's mission. The recognition of individual accomplishments in the research arena is an important means by which CASN can acknowledge contributions to the growth of nursing as a scientific discipline. The award for Excellence in Nursing Research is presented annually at the Fall CASN Council meeting.

#### Eligibility & Criteria

The recipient of the CASN Nursing Research Excellence Award will demonstrate the following characteristics:

#### **Eligibility:**

Is a faculty member of a CASN member school. The member must have a current RN registration within the last 12 months.

#### **Criteria:**

#### **1. Sustained Research Excellence with Impact on Nursing Practice, Education, and Policy**

Demonstrates ongoing, high-quality research activity in an area of significance to nursing practice, education, policy development, or healthcare outcomes. Evidence should include:

- A well-established program of research that has contributed meaningfully to the advancement of nursing science.
- Research outcomes that address contemporary healthcare challenges and contribute to the evidence base in clinical practice and policy.
- Clear examples of how research findings have been applied in practice, policy, or education to improve patient care or nursing outcomes at local, national, or international levels.

#### **2. Success in Securing Intramural and Extramural Research Funding**

Has a proven track record in successfully obtaining both **intramural and extramural funding** to support their research. This includes:

- Identification of specific funding obtained in the past five years.
- Ability to secure competitive grants and funding from government, academic, private sector, or nonprofit organizations.

- Evidence of the ability to attract long-term support for research initiatives.

### **3. Active and Impactful Dissemination of Research Findings**

Engages in the active dissemination of research findings to various interest holders, including academic peers, policymakers, healthcare practitioners, and the public. Evidence should include:

- Presentations at local, national, or international conferences or
- Publications in high-impact peer-reviewed journals or other scholarly sources
- Other forms of dissemination, such as community engagement, policy briefs, or contributions to public health education.

### **4. Commitment to Mentorship and Capacity Building in Research**

Mentors and supports students, colleagues, and emerging researchers in developing their research skills and contributing to the nursing and health science communities. Evidence may include:

- Supervision of graduate or undergraduate research projects, fostering the development of future nurse researchers.
- Providing guidance on research methodology, data analysis, or scholarly writing.
- Creating opportunities for students and junior researchers to present their findings at conferences or publish in academic journals.

### **5. Leadership in Advancing the Profile of Nursing Research**

Demonstrates leadership in advancing the profile of nursing research within academic, service, or non-profit organizations. Evidence should include:

- Playing an active role in research leadership within their institution or professional networks (e.g., serving on committees, organizing research events, or establishing research collaborations).
- Advocating for the value of nursing research and its impact on health policy and practice.
- Fostering interdisciplinary research initiatives that bridge nursing with other fields to address broader healthcare issues.

### **6. Promotion of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in Research**

Integrates equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) principles into research practices and promotes inclusive research environments. Evidence may include:

- Research topics that address health disparities and contribute to social justice in healthcare.
- Inclusion of diverse populations in research studies to ensure that findings are relevant and applicable to all groups.
- Active efforts to engage underrepresented voices in nursing research and scholarship.

*CASN is committed to equity and diversity and welcomes nominations of persons across a diversity of gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, Indigenous identities, racialized identities, and disabilities and/or neurodivergences.*

### Please Note:

- All nominations are reviewed based on originality, successful implementation, and potential for wider application.
- Current Board members are excluded from receiving a CASN Award.
- The Awards & Nominations Committee reserves the right to move candidates between categories as required, and at their discretion.

## Submission/Nomination Documentation

Individuals must be nominated in writing by a faculty member of any CASN member school.

A complete nomination package should include the following:

- Completed & signed *Nomination Form*
- *3 Letters of Support*: Nomination packages include three (3) letters of support, including one from the nominator. The two other letters may be submitted by students, colleagues or individuals outside of your institution. The letters of support should be addressed to CASN's Awards & Nominations Committee. Letters should specifically reference the nominee's achievements and activities related to the award criteria, and identify the individual by name, title, and school/faculty. Additional letters of support will not be accepted.
- A maximum *250-word summary* (in Word format) of why this candidate is best suited for this award. This could include a description of the accomplishments of the nominee, including evidence of research excellence such as funding obtained, publications and presentations, and application of research findings in nursing practice, education, administration, or policy development. Descriptions which exceed the 250-word maximum will not be accepted. Note: this summary will be used in the CASN Awards Booklet if the candidate is the selected winner of the award.
- A *Curriculum vitae* should be included.

Additional supporting documentation such as audio-visual materials, website addresses, manuals, and commendations from the candidate's institution or a partner organization may be included.

## Selection Process

The Awards and Nominations Committee will review the nominations and present recommendations to the CASN Board of Directors. Please visit the CASN website ([www.casn.ca](http://www.casn.ca)) for more details.

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## SECTION ONE

### Nominee/Candidate

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender pronoun: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City	Province	Postal Code
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Language:       English       French

### Institution Information

Number of nursing faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ full-time faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ part-time/sessional faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nursing students: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of nursing programs: \_\_\_\_\_

List type(s) of nursing program(s):

## SECTION TWO

Educational background (post secondary):

Qualifications Received	Year	School

Relevant work experience:

Relevant professional, committee and/or association experience:

Extra-curricular activities:

## CHECKLIST

- Section ONE and TWO of the nomination form have been completed in full.
- I have included THREE letters of support (one from myself and two others from students, colleagues or individuals outside of my institution) that clearly describe the nominee's accomplishments, leadership and commitments related to this award.
- I have included a maximum 250-word summary of why this candidate is best suited for this award (in a separate WORD document).
- I have included a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.
- I have included a recent high-definition photo of the nominee.
- I have completed the nominator information and signed the nomination form below.
- The nominee/candidate has signed the nomination form below.

\* Nominations that are incomplete (missing information or documentation) will be considered ineligible and will not be reviewed by the Awards and Nominations Committee.

## NOMINATOR

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender pronoun: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Language:  English  French

## SIGNATURES

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Signature of Nominee

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Name of Nominee

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Date

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Signature of Nominator

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Name of Nominator

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Date

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Please submit your nomination package by email to  
**Sharada Boucher-Sharma, Strategic Operations Coordinator** at: [awards@casn.ca](mailto:awards@casn.ca)

**DEADLINE: 12:00 p.m. (noon) ET on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 2 business days of submission.  
If you do not receive the confirmation, please contact us.