



2026 Nomination Information

Excellence in Advancing Nursing Science Award

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This award is for an outstanding dissertation from a student in a PhD in nursing or DNS program. A PhD dissertation is an original research project that focuses on advancing nursing science and developing new evidence with the potential to guide nursing practice.

PhD Dissertation must be successfully completed between August 30, 2025, and August 30, 2026.

This award nomination form consists of two parts for the nominee and nominator. It is AACN's recommendation that the following nomination form materials are reviewed and prepared before beginning the application. Once you have these items ready, you may proceed with the application.

Nominee: A person who is selected for the award.

Nominator: A person who identifies the nominee.

All nominations must be submitted by June 5, 2026.

Name of Nominee

Nominee's Email

Title of Dissertation

Name of Nominator

Title/Position of Nominator

Academic Institution of

Nominator Nominator's Email

Nominator's Contact Number

Name of PhD Program Director

Name of Research Chair

Institution Address

PhD dissertation was successfully defended between August 30, 2025, and August 30, 2026?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Nomination Letter

The letter should address the first four criteria below. Please do not restate your nominee's entire study in the nomination letter, but rather ask your nominee to complete the Abstract portion below the award criteria.

The nomination letter, the abstract, and the nominee's personal statement will be used by the reviewers in determining merit.

1. Has the potential to advance science, education, practice, and/or policy.
2. Demonstrates scholarly rigor and shows promise and originality; contributes knowledge to the profession.
3. Adds to the scientific base for nursing practice, advances understanding of a critical nursing issue, and demonstrates methodological sophistication.
4. Exemplifies innovation and leadership in nursing education, research, and practice.
5. Degree to which the nominee's personal statement addresses how their study contributes to the profession and/or their career goals.
6. Degree to which the nominator's letter addressed the first four award criteria.

PhD/DNS Abstract Title

Background and Significance

Purpose/Objective(s) and/or Specific Aims

Methods

Results/Findings

Conclusion(s)

Implications/Recommendations for the Profession and/or Science

Nominee's Personal Statement

Nominee's Curriculum Vitae