



## 2017 Clinical Nurse Specialist Researcher Award

The Ninth Annual NACNS Clinical Nurse Specialist Researcher of the Year Award will be presented during the 2017 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The purpose of the award is to nationally recognize an NACNS member for outstanding professional achievement as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS) who has conducted original nursing research that has significantly impacted the art and science of autonomous nursing practice, patient and family outcomes, and/or health care systems. The award acknowledges a nurse for an accomplished sustained program of research that has significantly contributed to advancing theory and practice of the nursing profession. The candidate's *body of research* will be considered, including conduct of research as a principal and co-investigator, funding, and dissemination of that research through a variety of mediums.

Please review the criteria and submit a completed application with corresponding rationale supporting candidates who you recommend for this award.

**DEADLINE: October 21, 2016**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The candidate must be nominated by a nursing colleague.
2. Candidate meets their state of residence's requirements for CNS recognition by their state board of nursing.
3. The candidate must be a current member of NACNS.
4. The candidate must have been educated as a CNS in a masters or doctoral program.
5. If selected, the candidate must agree to attend the NACNS annual conference, provide a photo suitable for inclusion in the conference program brochure, and be prepared to present a summary of their research work.
6. The candidate will have made significant contributions to autonomous nursing practice through the conduct, and dissemination of their original research.
  - Sustained program of research has impacted nursing practice, patient/family outcomes, and/or the healthcare system.
  - A distinguished record of dissemination of research findings (publications and presentations).
  - Demonstration of research support with internal and/or external funding.
7. The candidate has a program of research that furthers the mission and vision of NACNS and supports the CNS role in the context of the NACNS Spheres of Influence.
  - Evidence of mentorship in research.
  - The researcher's program of research has been translated into practice and/or policy.

### Award:

Nontransferable complimentary NACNS annual conference registration, a plaque and one year complimentary NACNS membership. The award will be presented at the NACNS annual conference and the winner will be featured in the CNS journal.

### Selection:

Applications received by the deadline will undergo review by the the selection committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The recipient will be notified by a phone call and written letter from the President of NACNS. All candidate information must be received at the NACNS office by **October 21, 2016**. This deadline will be strictly adhered to in the selection process.

**INSTRUCTIONS: Submit nomination packet electronically to [info@nacns.org](mailto:info@nacns.org) or mail to NACNS, 100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA, 19103**

1. Nomination Packet includes:
  - a. This document with the nominee and nominator information table filled in and nominee signed agreement to attend the annual conference if selected as the winner of the award;
  - b. One letter from the nominator;
  - c. One a letter of recommendation from a colleague;
  - d. A copy of the nominee’s current CV/resumé; and
  - e. A brief statement (300-word max) about the nominee to be used in press releases and when the award is presented at the conference (see item #3 below).
2. The nominator’s letter should:
  - a. Describe how the nominator knows the nominee (e.g., in what capacity/role, how long);
  - b. Provide information supporting the nomination relating to the specific criteria for the award. Be specific, not global. Give examples to illustrate (2pg max).
3. The brief statement (300 words or less) is a separate document that provides a brief biography of the nominee and exemplar(s) of the nominee’s work. This statement will be used when presenting the award at the Annual Conference and will be used in press releases about the award winner.
4. The letter of recommendation should be from a colleague, who can speak to the candidate’s CNS work in research, how the candidate’s work has been disseminated and translated into practice (2 pg max).
5. All submissions must be typed copy.
6. Selection is made based only on the information submitted.
7. All information will remain strictly confidential and will not be returned.
8. The winner will be notified by December 2, 2016 and will be asked to submit a picture for recognition at the conference.

**For further information, contact NACNS, 100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA, 19103; Telephone: (215) 320-3881, FAX: (215) 564-2175 or website: [www.nacns.org](http://www.nacns.org)**

Information about Nominee	Information about Nominator
Nominee:	Nominated by:
Credentials:	Credentials:
Title:	Title:
Address (street, city, state, zip):	Address (street, city, state, zip):
Telephone (day):	Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):	Telephone (evening):
e-mail:	e-mail:
Institution:	[Redacted]
Institution address (street, city, state, zip; suite or department code):	

For Nominee:  
If selected as the award winner, I agree to attend the Annual NACNS Conference to receive the award.

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Signature

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Date