

ENRS Candidate Statements

Awards Committee

Kathryn Sabo

I was introduced to ENRS as a PhD student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. My membership in this organization over the last 7 years has been fruitful in developing and advancing my research capabilities. I think it is important to disseminate high quality nursing research at the annual scientific session and honor the contributions of amazing nurse scientists. As a member of the awards committee, I would help to meet this goal. As faculty at the MGH Institute of Health Professions School of Nursing, I have extensive experience in committee work. I collaborate well with peers to complete the tasks at hand. As a nurse educator, I have nominated students and faculty for awards and also reviewed nominations. I am familiar with the process and strive to select worth recipients. I have experience mentoring students in research projects as well as reviewing submitted manuscripts for health professions journals. I believe I can accurately evaluate abstracts and ensure meaningful and sound research is accepted.

Anjanette Raber

Nurses work tirelessly, often without seeking recognition, which is why I am eager to serve on the Eastern Nursing Research Society Awards Committee. I am passionate about honoring the dedication and contributions of nurse scholars who advance nursing science.

As a Nurse Scientist in a Magnet-designated organization, I actively support and promote excellence in nursing. I identify and nominate outstanding nurses for organizational, local, and national awards, and I empower them in their scholarly pursuits. Additionally, I serve as a reviewer for nursing abstracts and award applications, further reinforcing my commitment to recognizing excellence in our field.

These experiences have equipped me with a strong foundation in evaluating scholarly contributions and advocating for nurse recognition. I would be honored to bring this perspective and energy to the ENRS Awards Committee.

Kafuli Agbemenu

I am honored to apply for a position on the ENRS Awards Committee. As a tenured Associate Professor and nurse scientist with a focus on reproductive health equity, I am deeply committed to recognizing and uplifting research that advances the mission of ENRS. My experience leading the Reproductive and Maternal Health RIG, reviewing grant proposals, and serving on peer-review panels has honed my ability to assess scholarly work critically and equitably. I have served as a reviewer for multiple nursing journals and have evaluated student presentations at local and national conferences.

My goals for serving on this committee include ensuring that the awards process is transparent, inclusive, and reflective of the diverse contributions within our field. I am particularly interested in promoting the visibility of early-career scholars. I view this service as a meaningful way to uphold the ENRS mission to promote and improve the quality of nursing science through recognition of excellence in research.

Michelle McKay

I am a long-standing member of the Eastern Nursing Research Society (since 2017). I recognized in the early years of membership, the importance of ENRS as a community of scholars that support professional development, foster the advancement of nursing science, and promote diversity and inclusion within the nursing research community. I value my ENRS membership because of the support and mentorship that I have received and the relationships that I have developed through attending conferences, RIG meetings, and special events. The mission of ENRS to advance innovative nursing science while promoting health is at the core of what we as nurse researchers work to achieve every day. A vital approach to meeting this call is to recognize both nurse researchers and students who advance the mission of ENRS through their prestigious work. I have several years of experience reviewing and providing feedback on abstracts, grants, and publications for ENRS and interdisciplinary professional organizations. As a member of the Awards Committee for the past election cycle, I worked diligently and successfully with committee members to identify nurse researchers and students that met the award criteria. I look forward to continued collaboration on the Awards Committee to continue reimagining the future of ENRS.

Billy Caceres

I am excited to run for a position on the Awards Committee of ENRS. I am an Assistant Professor at Columbia University and have been a member of ENRS since 2014. I have extensive leadership experience within professional organizations, such as ENRS and the American Heart Association (AHA). I previously served on the Nominations (2019-2021) and Communications Committees (2020-2022) of ENRS. Also, I recently completed two terms on the Emerging Career Awards Committee of AHA's Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing. Although I have been an active member of ENRS research interest groups, I have not been on a committee for three years. Therefore, I have been eager to reengage with the work of ENRS to help advance the mission of the organization. I would like to join the Awards Committee to contribute to the goals of ENRS. I am deeply committed to honoring excellence in nursing science. In particular, I hope to work with members of the Awards Committee to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the nomination and selection of awardees. In this role, I would also like to work with other ENRS committees to ensure a diverse pool of applicants across all awards.