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What position did you hold when you won? I received the ENRS/CANS dissertation award during my third year as a PhD student at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

What did winning the award mean to you? This award was truly pivotal. As the first foundation grant of my career, it affirmed both the significance of my dissertation work and my potential as a future nurse scientist. It enabled me to compensate my study participants and disseminate my research findings, while reinforcing my commitment to pursuing a rigorous and impactful program of research.

What would you say to those on the fence about applying or nominating another? I would strongly encourage all PhD students who have defended their dissertation proposals to apply. The award's generous support equips you with the resources needed to successfully carry out your dissertation's specific aims. The application process also offers a great opportunity for grant-writing experience and demonstrates your capacity to secure funding for your own research.

What value has winning the award brought to your current career path? I can confidently say that this award set me on the right trajectory toward becoming an independent nurse scientist. First, it supported me in completing the primary data collection for my dissertation and making significant progress toward completing my doctoral degree. It also strengthened my scholarly profile as I began applying for postdoctoral fellowships, helping to pave the way toward a future tenure-track faculty role.