

SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2025



Dear SNRS Family,

🎵“Summer, summer, summertime... Time to sit back and unwind.” 🎵

As the sun stretches its golden arms across our southern skies and the sweet scent of magnolias fills the air, I find myself humming Will Smith’s classic anthem, “Summertime.” It’s a melody that evokes memories of backyard barbecues, laughter-filled gatherings, and those cherished moments when we allow ourselves to pause, breathe, and simply be.

In the spirit of this season, I invite each of you to embrace the essence of summer, not just as a change in weather, but as an opportunity for renewal, reflection, and rejuvenation.



Charleen McNeill
PhD, MSN, RN
President

Embracing the Pause

In our relentless pursuit of knowledge and advancement in nursing research, it's easy to become ensnared in the whirlwind of deadlines, data analyses, and manuscript revisions. While our dedication is commendable, it's equally vital to recognize the importance of rest. Just as our bodies require sleep to function optimally, our minds and spirits need moments of stillness to flourish.

This summer, I encourage you to:

- **Reconnect with Nature:** Whether it's a walk in the park, a hike in the mountains, or simply sitting by a lake, nature has a profound way of grounding us.
 - **Indulge in a Good Book:** Dive into that novel you've been meaning to read or explore literature outside your usual academic texts.
 - **Spend Quality Time with Loved Ones:** Reignite connections with family and friends. Their support and love are the bedrocks upon which we build our professional lives
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Rekindling the Flame of Passion

Remember the moment you first felt the spark for nursing research? Published that very first article? Got that very first grant? That insatiable curiosity, the drive to make a difference, the desire to answer the unanswered questions? Summer offers the perfect backdrop to revisit that passion.

Reflect on:

- **Your Achievements:** Celebrate the milestones you've reached, no matter how small. Each step forward is a testament to your dedication.
- **Your Aspirations:** Reevaluate your goals. Are they still aligned with your values and passions? If not, consider charting a new course.
- **Your Impact:** Recognize the ripple effect of your work. Your research not only contributes to the academic community but also profoundly touches lives

Looking Ahead with Renewed Energy

As we bask in summer's warmth, let's cast our gaze forward. The upcoming months hold promise and potential. With the SNRS community by your side, there's a wealth of opportunities awaiting exploration.

Stay engaged by:

- **Participating in Webinars and Workshops:** Enhance your skills and knowledge through our curated events.
- **Collaborating with Peers:** Forge new partnerships and collaborations that can lead to groundbreaking research.
- **Mentoring Emerging Researchers:** Share your wisdom and experiences with the next generation, fostering a culture of growth and support.

A Heartfelt Thank You

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to the Southern Nursing Research Society. Your contributions, both big and small, weave the rich tapestry of our community. Together, we advance the frontier of nursing research, championing innovations that improve health outcomes across our region and beyond.

As you navigate the joys of summer, may you find moments of peace, bursts of inspiration, and the gentle reminder that taking care of yourself is not a luxury—it's a necessity.

Here's to a season of relaxation, reflection, and rekindled passion.

Warm regards,

Charleen McNeill, PhD, MSN, RN

President, Southern Nursing Research Society

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "C. McNeill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "C." and last name "McNeill" clearly distinguishable.



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February 18-20, 2026

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Call for SNRS Board of Directors and Committee Nominations for 2026-2028

SNRS is looking for strategically minded individuals who desire to become more involved with the organization. Nominations are now being accepted for the following positions for the SNRS 2026-2028 slate.

Open positions include:

- President Elect
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Director of Development
- Director of Communications
- Director of Grants
- Two Succession Planning and Nominations Committee positions

All members of the Governing Board are responsible for:

- Maintaining his or her membership in the Society.
- Attending Quarterly Board meetings
- Submitting annual and monthly reports in a timely manner
- Implementing all SNRS policies and procedures.
- Orienting successors to the role.
- Delivering all records that are the responsibility of each office to the Executive Director.

New Officers and Directors will be installed at the 2026 Annual Conference in Austin, TX February 18-20, 2026. Terms are two years and will run from February 2026 through February 2028.

Experience serving on an SNRS committee or task force is beneficial but not required for the Director positions. Please visit the website for [more information](#) on position responsibilities, nomination information including the nomination and election information.

For all other inquiries please contact the SNRS Executive Office at info@snrs.org.

Nominations packets are due by August 18

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Call for Research Abstracts for
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AUSTIN, TX
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Conference Hotel Block: Reserve Now!

Renaissance Austin Hotel

A special room rate of \$259 (plus applicable taxes) has been arranged. The reservation cutoff date is Monday, January 26, 2026. After that, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis.

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STUDENT NETWORK



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STUDENT NETWORK

VIRTUAL MEET & GREET WITH NEW OFFICERS!

Date: Tuesday, August 6th, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Us!

The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) Student Network is excited to invite all nursing students to our upcoming Meet & Greet event! This is your opportunity to connect with our newly elected officers and learn about the exciting initiatives planned for the upcoming academic year.

Student Network Revitalization

We're thrilled to announce that the SNRS Student Network is active again and stronger than ever! Our renewed Student Network is committed to supporting the next generation of nursing researchers through collaboration, education, and networking. Whether you're just beginning your research journey or looking to expand your existing work, the Student Network offers resources and connections to help you succeed.

What to Expect:

- Meet our new leadership team in a casual virtual setting
- Network with fellow nursing students in breakout rooms
- Learn how to get involved with the SNRS Student Network
- Q&A session with the new officers

Why Attend?

This event is the perfect chance to make connections that could enhance your nursing research journey. Our network brings together nursing students interested in research to create valuable networking and learning opportunities.

Contact: Ilana Logvinov at ilana.logvinov@ucf.edu if you have any questions

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NEW INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

We are excited to announce our new Institutional Membership Packages! These packages are designed to offer expanded benefits and greater opportunities for engagement with the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) throughout the year.

Starting in 2025, all current and new Institutional Members will need to choose from the packages.

If you have any questions regarding the packages, please email Cindy Dady, Executive Director [here](#).

We look forward to your continued support!

Highlights of the New Membership Packages:

- Recognition at the Annual Conference: Gain visibility as an Institutional Member.
- Complimentary Memberships: Each package includes complimentary regular and student memberships.
- Complimentary Job Postings: Receive complimentary job postings per year.
- Webinar Hosting Opportunity: Host webinars to showcase your research.
- Sponsorship of SNRS Webinars: Sponsor webinars throughout the year.
- Enhanced Visibility: Have your logo displayed on the SNRS website and in email communications.
- Newsletter Advertisement: Advertisement in the SNRS Quarterly Newsletter.
- Social Media Recognition: Benefit from social media recognition posts.
- Access to SNRS Mailing List: Rent the SNRS mailing list for your outreach needs.



New Institutional Membership Packages

SNRS has new package options for our Institutional Members. These packages offer expanded benefits and opportunities to stay engaged with SNRS throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding the new packages, please email SNRS at info@snrs.org.

Package Options	Platinum \$10,000	Gold \$7,500	Silver \$5,000	Bronze \$2,500
Regular Memberships Supported	10	8	6	4
Student Memberships Supported	4	3	2	1
Complimentary 30-Day Job Postings Per Year	4	3	2	1
Webinar Hosting Opportunity	2	1	1	N/A
Sponsorship of SNRS Webinars Per Year	2	1	1	1
Logo Displayed on SNRS Website and Email Communications	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eblasts to SNRS Membership	4	3	2	1
Advertisement in the SNRS Quarterly Newsletter	4	3	2	1
Social Media Recognition Post	✓	✓	✓	✓
SNRS Mailing List Rental	1	1	1	N/A
Recognition as an Institutional Member at the Annual Conference	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exhibit Table at the Annual Conference*	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
Discount on Conference Registration	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A

- If the Institutional Member also purchases a conference sponsorship that includes an exhibit table, they will receive a credit on their sponsorship fee.



DONATE TO THE SNRS NURSING RESEARCH FUND!

Become a partner today in shaping the future of nursing research through your contribution to SNRS. A financial gift provides benefits for both you as a donor and SNRS by helping to maintain financial security for those seeking to increase the science of nursing through research.

All SNRS member donations go into an endowment fund that has a goal of \$200,000 so it can fully fund our current grants and look to fund future grants.

Consider making a donation today including our new option of recurring donations. So if you would like to donate \$10 monthly simply check off the box when you make your donation.

To learn more about our grant program and how you can make a difference in promoting nursing research, [click here](#).



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Susan Fowler,
PhD RN CRRN NE-BC NPD-BC FCNS

Susan Fowler works with the Veteran Administration, and she was recently appointed as a member of the Center for Ethics and Human Rights Advisory Board for the term, January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026.



Melissa Hatter

LT Melissa Hatter, is a US Navy Nurse Corps. She was recently selected for membership on the Defense Health Agency Nursing Research and Innovation Council.

DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?

SNRS wants to hear about your accomplishments, grants awarded, articles published, research projects, and more. If it's important to you, it's important to us!

Please complete **this form** to let us know about your good news so we can celebrate with you in a future newsletter, on our website, and via social media.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Kathryn Kravetz Carr, CNM, MSN, FACNM, one of our student members, for winning a Student Poster Award at the SNRS Annual Conference and for advancing to PhD candidacy! Kathryn also received a prestigious scholarship from The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. to support her dissertation research, which explores bias awareness and mitigation among team members in hospital-based labor and delivery settings in the southern United States and aligns with her broader focus on respectful reproductive care.

Upcoming Events:

Join us for our monthly meeting
the third Wednesday at 3 PM EST.

For more information about the student network contact
llana.logvinov@ucf.edu



COMMITTEES & RIIG NEWS

Education RIIG

Recent Achievements:

A journal manuscript has been submitted for peer review by a RIIG member (first author – Carolyn Kerns).

Upcoming Events:

Conference presentations are in progress for 2026.

Research Highlights:

- [Google Scholar – Carolyn J. Kerns](#)
- [Google Scholar – Tara O'Brien](#)
- [ResearchGate - Lynn Wiles](#)
- [Google Scholar – Michele Roberts](#)
- [Google Scholar – Rebecca Koerner](#)
- [ResearchGate - Sheri Howard](#)

Collaboration Opportunities:

Open to new members conducting original nursing education research.

Community/Public Health/Health Promotion RIIG

Recent Achievements:

Melissa Freeman: Graduated with an MSN in nursing education from Auburn. Started PhD program at University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Current Initiatives:

Conducting a thematic analysis of member research interests to form working groups.

Goals for the year:

- Develop scholarly products addressing community/public health challenges.
- Create a safe space for peer feedback on works-in-progress.
- Engage members throughout the year and at the annual conference.

Minority Health RIIG

Overview:

Focused on improving health outcomes for minority communities through research, mentorship, and networking.

Collaboration Opportunities:

Developing a position paper.

Launching a summer writing group.

Student Spotlight:

Kathryn Kravetz Carr: Won a Student Poster Award at SNRS Annual Conference. Advanced to PhD candidacy. Received a scholarship from The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. for dissertation on bias awareness in labor and delivery settings.

Research Highlights:

Nisha Mathews, PhD, RN and Jolly Joseph, AGACNP-BC: Published in Journal of Radiology Nursing (2024).

Upcoming Events:

Monthly meetings on the third Wednesday at 3 PM EST.

Contact person for Minority Health RIIG is Janet Lopez, PhD, RN - janet.lopez@ucf.edu



Congratulations to Nisha Mathews, PhD, RN, and Jolly Joseph, AGACNP-BC, on their recent publication! Dr. Mathews, as the first author, and Jolly Joseph, the second author, are both members of the Minority Health (RIIG). Their work has been featured in a prestigious radiology journal, showcasing their contributions to the field. We celebrate their achievements!

Read more: Mathews, Nisha, et al. "Obesity-Related Biases Among Health-Care Personnel in Radiological Examination Environment: Impact, Manifestations, and Solutions." Journal of Radiology Nursing (2024).

Associate Deans and Directors of Research

The Associate Deans and Directors of Research (ADDR) RIIG extends a warm welcome to all SNRS members passionate about advancing the science of nursing and recognizing what SNRS is known for – driving nursing research and fostering cross-institutional collaboration across the region. We invite early-career, mid-career, and seasoned nurse researchers, as well as those currently serving or aspiring to serve in research leadership roles within their institutions.

The ADDR RIIG prioritizes the following three strategic initiatives:

- Promoting research excellence across schools and colleges of nursing: We are committed to strategically mentoring and supporting faculty at all ranks, equipping them with the resources needed to thrive and remain productive in today's complex research environment.
- Advancing data science to ensure nursing remains competitive and innovative: Through webinars and workshops on topics such as statistics, digital health, and AI, we aim to prepare nurses to engage with emerging trends and methodologies. These sessions will feature leading experts in these fields.
- Developing a collaborative research platform to enhance dissemination and partnerships: We aim to work to establish a platform that integrates SNRS resources and collaborative tools to strengthen cross-institutional partnerships and advance nursing scholarship.

As part of our mission to support the SNRS membership, the ADDR RIIG has planned a series of four webinars focused on priority topics that address urgent challenges in research. These sessions are designed to provide valuable resources for maintaining competitiveness, securing funding, and expanding research programs. We encourage your participation and support. Please watch for these webinars in the upcoming schedule.

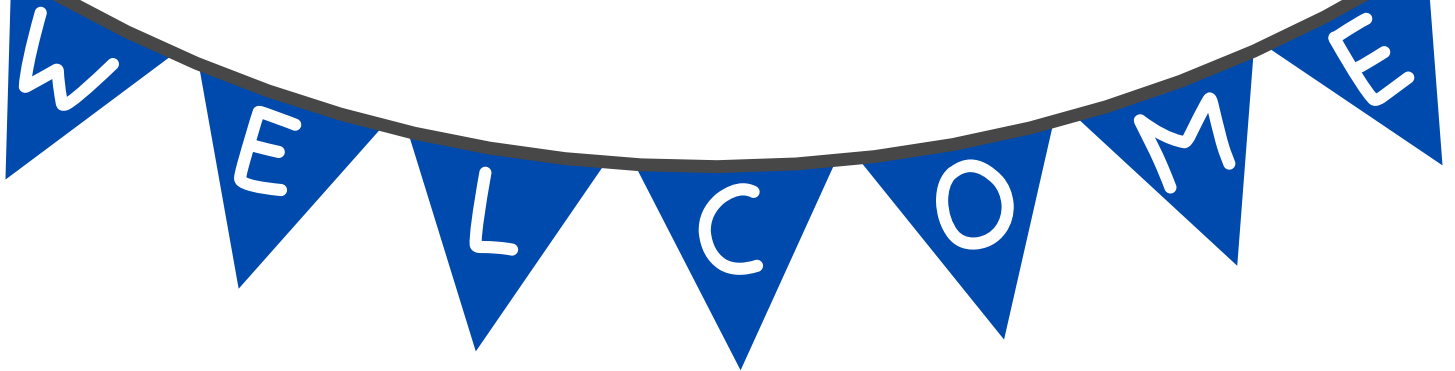
We are grateful to our distinguished speakers for their generosity in sharing their expertise and look forward to the active participation of the broader SNRS community in these important sessions.

For questions about the presentations or to learn more about the ADDR RIIG, please don't hesitate to reach out. We welcome your involvement and hope you will join our RIIG.

On behalf of the ADDR RIIG,
Tonychris Nnaka, RIIG Chair | tonychris.nnaka@unthsc.edu
Candy Wilson, RIIG Co-Chair | candywilson@health.fau.edu



NEW MEMBER WELCOME



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SNRS GRANTS

CANS/SNRS Dissertation Research Grant

Application Submission Dates:
September 1st of each year

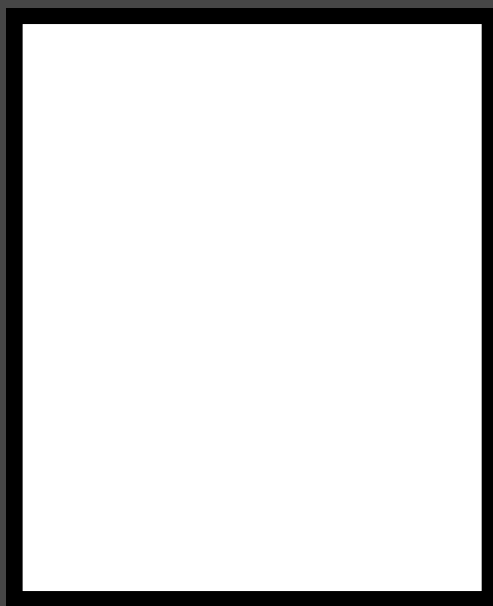
The purpose of the CANS/SNRS Dissertation Research Grant Awards is to support doctoral students in the Southern region enrolled in research-focused programs as they initiate a program of nursing research to advance nursing science and practice. Funds are available for quantitative and qualitative research on any topic relevant to the nursing profession. To learn more about all of SNRS's research grant opportunities please click below.

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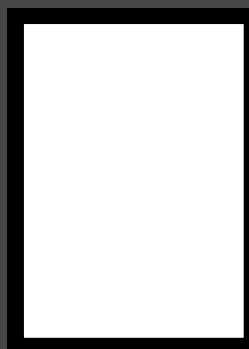




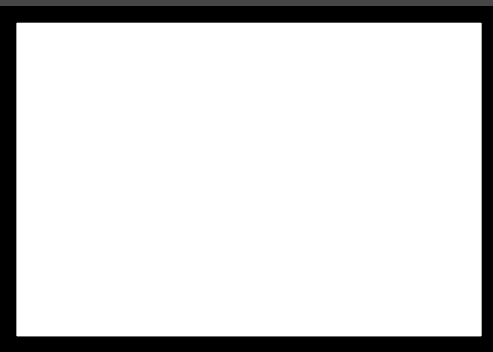
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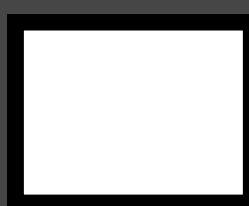
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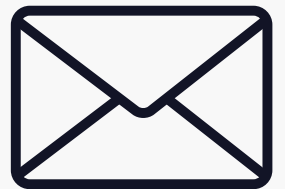
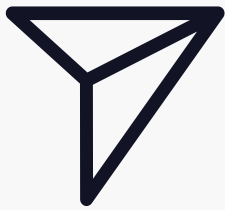
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