

General Information

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is proud to launch the ANA Innovation Awards, powered by BD, a global medical technology company. The purpose of these awards is to highlight, recognize and celebrate nurse-led innovation that improves patient safety and/or outcomes in the United States (US).

The awards will be presented to a nurse and to a nurse-led team whose projects best exemplify nurse-led innovation in patient safety and/or outcomes, whether it is a product, program, project, or practice. The ANA Innovation Awards include a \$25,000 individual nurse award and a \$50,000 nurse-led team award per cycle. The ANA Innovation Award winners will have one year to further develop their innovation. ANA Innovation Award winners will return the following year to present their outcomes at the ANA Innovation & Quality Conference.

The intent of these monetary awards is to provide one nurse and one nurse-led team annually with the support to use translational research, development, prototyping, production, testing and implementation for an innovative product, program, project, or practice transformative to patient safety and/or outcomes in the US.

Applications are evaluated by a **blind, peer review process** conducted by a panel of national experts.

ANA Innovation Awards Criteria and Rules

- I. One submission may be submitted per nurse, per nurse-led team, and per organization annually.
- II. The intent of the award is for the innovation to be primarily for use in the US market.
- III. The ANA Innovation Awards are awarded for a product, program, project, or practice that:
 - A. Is an extraordinary innovation that is unique, novel, or creative in the means utilized to address an identified problem or need in patient safety and/or outcomes;
 - B. Is initiated by nurses or a nurse-led team;
 - C. Involves all appropriate individuals, including staff nurses and other disciplines as appropriate, in its conception and implementation;
 - D. Is transformative of patient safety and/or patient care outcomes;
 - E. Is enduring (sustainable) and able to be replicated in other settings;
 - F. Is pragmatic in its approach, evidence-based, and demonstrates proven outcomes through supportive data and testing;
 - G. Clearly has the potential for positive outcomes empirically linked to the innovation (projected benefits);
 - H. Demonstrates its progress to date; and
 - I. Has begun external dissemination or has a robust plan in place for it.
- IV. ANA Innovation Award winners are prohibited from submitting another ANA Innovation Award application for **two years** following their winning innovation.

- V. The following are not eligible to submit for or win the ANA Innovation Awards: ANA and BD employees, contractors, directors, and officers ; ANA and BD's parent, subsidiary, and affiliated companies; and nursing organizations, including constituent/state nursing associations, labor unions, and specialty nursing organizations are not eligible to submit.
- VI. Applicants must be a resident of the US.
- VII. Approximately six months after the award is presented, the winners will be required to submit an accounting to ANA of how the award money is being utilized. The award money must be used solely for the research, development, prototyping, production, testing, and implementation of the innovation, and expenses related to attendance at the ANA QI conference. (The individual nurse winner and one member of the winning nurse-led team may use a portion of the winnings for conference and travel expenses for the ANA Quality and Innovation Conference to present on their innovation.) Award money cannot be used for salaries and fringe benefits.
- VIII. An ANA representative may join a BD nursing executive in a visit to the ANA Innovation Awards winners to see the progress of the innovation.
- IX. The awards panel will consider all submissions properly made and material submitted with or in support thereof.
- X. Material submitted with or in support of any submissions will be received on the conditions that:
 - A. The award panel will not return such material or any portion thereof to the submitter(s).
 - B. The award panel may make such disclosure of the names of the submitters and of the innovation disclosed in such material as the panel deems appropriate.
 - C. Submitting individuals and teams must protect their own intellectual property (IP) and confidential business information (CBI). ANA and BD take no responsibility for IP or CBI protection. Ask your attorney or facility's legal department for assistance, if needed.
 - D. No claim will be made and no action will be brought against the American Nurses Association, its board of directors, its employees, or members of the awards panel arising out of the use made of such submission material or of any such disclosure.
 - E. The submitter warrants that disclosure of material submitted with or in support does not breach the terms of any other contract or agreements, that the submitter is entitled to use the material, and that if any permissions are needed to use the material, the submitter has obtained those permissions.
 - F. The submitter warrants that they are not prohibited from accepting the ANA Innovation Award or any related benefit, including but not limited to prize money, paid conference fees and the ANA Innovation Awards reception.
 - G. The ANA Innovation Award winners will agree to use "**the ANA Innovation Awards powered by BD**" in all references to the prizes.
- XI. The decision of the review panel is final. If in the opinion of the review panel there are no submissions considered suitable during a given year, no ANA Innovation Award will be awarded.
- XII. Each representative submitting an application must electronically sign the ANA Innovation Awards submission form, which will constitute his or her agreement to be bound by the rules of the ANA Innovation Awards.

Submission Process

- Applications are due by **11:59pmET on December 31, 2018**.
- Visit the [online application system](#) to begin and to view the submission requirements.
- **Complete the “Eligibility Status” section to indicate that you accept and agree to the ANA Innovation Awards rules and criteria and to certify that you or your team are eligible to receive the ANA Innovation Award and the recognitions associated.**
- Enter required fields of the application, including a summary of the innovation (750 word maximum), a narrative (3,000 word maximum) and an annotated bibliography (1,000 word maximum).
- Confirmation of submission will be sent to the e-mail address of the submitter.
- The winners will be notified of a decision in February 2019.
- Prior ANA Innovation Awards winners are prohibited from submitting for **two years** after their award.

The Award

- ANA Innovation Awards will be presented during the ANA Quality and Innovation Conference in Orlando, Florida, April 24-26, 2019.
- A \$25,000 monetary award will be given to the ANA Innovation Award individual winner and a \$50,000 monetary award will be given to the ANA Innovation Award nurse-led team winner.
- ANA will transfer 100 percent of the monetary awards to the winners.
- ANA will provide a complimentary, full conference registration for the ANA Innovation Award individual winner for the year the award is announced. Winners presenting the following year are responsible for their conference registration fee. ANA will provide ONE complimentary, full conference registration for the ANA Innovation Award nurse-led team winner, in the year the award is announced.
- ANA Innovation Award winners will be responsible for all arrangements, including lodging, travel, and associated expenses.
- Award winners will provide a **brief** overview of their innovation which will be shared during the conference during the acceptance of the award.
- Award winners will return the following year to deliver a formal presentation on the innovation at a session, according to ANA guidelines. Winners must agree to work with ANA to prepare the presentation.

Please direct all questions to ANA via e-mail at jaimedawson@ana.org.