



**The ANA Innovation  
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## General Information

ANA and the American Nurses Foundation are proud to partner with [BD \(Becton, Dickinson and Company\)](#), a leading global medical technology company, on the [ANA Innovation Awards](#). These awards highlight, recognize, and celebrate nurse-led innovation that improves patient safety and/or outcomes.

The ANA Innovation Awards will be presented to an individual nurse and a nurse-led team whose product, program, project, or practice, improve patient outcomes and exemplify nurse-led innovation. The ANA Innovation Awards include a \$25,000 individual nurse award and a \$50,000 nurse-led team award to support further translational research, development, prototyping, production, testing and implementation. The ANA Innovation Award winners will have one year to further develop their innovation and will present their outcomes at an ANA event.

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, or practice transformative to patient safety and/or outcomes in the United States.

Applications are evaluated by a double-blind, peer review process conducted by a panel of national experts with the final decision made by the ANA Innovation Council.

## ANA Innovation Awards Criteria and Rules

1. One submission may be submitted per nurse or per organization.
2. The intent of the award is for the innovation to be primarily for use in the US market.
3. 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;
  - 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 nursing, patient care, or the nursing environment safety
  - e. Is clearly seen as enduring (sustainable) and able to be replicated in other settings;

- f. Clearly has the potential for positive outcomes empirically linked to the innovation (projected benefits);
  - g. Is pragmatic in its approach, evidence-based, and demonstrates proven outcomes through supportive data and testing;
4. ANA Innovation Award winners are prohibited from submitting another ANA Innovation Award application for two years following their winning innovation.
5. 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.
6. 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 Innovation Event. 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 2020 ANA Innovation Announcement Event for the individual nurse winner and up to two nurses from the organization winner. Award money cannot be used for salaries and fringe benefits.
7. An ANA representative may join a BD nursing executive in a visit to the ANA Innovation Award winners to see the progress of the innovation.
8. The awards panel will consider all submissions properly made and material submitted with or in support thereof.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.

## 2021 Application Information

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- Opens: August 7, 2020, 9:00 a.m. EST
- Closes: November 1, 2020, 11:59 p.m. EST
- Online Application System: <https://nrg.confex.com/nrg/innovation2021/awards/papers/index.cgi>
- You must 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, a narrative, and annotated bibliography. (See details below).
- An email confirmation of starting the application as well as the final submission will be sent to the email address of the submitter.
- Winners will be notified in November 2020.
- Prior ANA Innovation Award winners are prohibited from submitting for two years after their award.

### Online Application Details

*The information below is what is requested once clicking on the link to apply.*

**Application Title:** limit to 100 characters

### Agreement to Eligibility Status

- I agree to the ANA Innovation Awards rules and criteria (as above) and certify my eligibility to receive the ANA Innovation Award and the recognitions associated.
- I understand that if chosen as an award recipient I agree to travel at my own expense to the ANA offices to accept the award on specific dates (exact dates will be determined at a later time).
- I am available to travel and be present to accept the award between the dates of November 30 - December 15, 2020. Exact dates will be determined later.
- Applicants must also agree to allow ANA to take photos and video recordings and use them as they see fit to promote the award.

**Demographics for Applicant and Team Members.**

- Name, credentials
- Home: address, cell phone number, email address
- Employer: name, address, work phone number, email address, job title

**Summary of Innovation.** This includes a brief description, demonstration through a review of the literature of how the innovation differs from past efforts and/or how it is unique and/or original, how it improves or transforms patient safety and/or patient outcomes, progress made to date, and expected timeline of development and implementation. 250 word maximum.

**Narrative Description.** The narrative description should include the following for the proposed innovation:

- How it is transformative to patient care/outcomes
- Details on the involvement of nurses at various levels and other disciplines (as needed) in developing the innovation
- Evidence of how nurses initiated and/or led the innovation
- Evidence of the benefits from the implementation of the innovation to patient safety and/or outcomes through data and testing
- Description of the planned measures of effectiveness or performance targets used to assess the results of the implementation of the innovation
- Evidence of sustainability and/or endurance of the planned innovation as well as replicability of the innovation in other settings
- Previous and current sources of internal and external funding including other awards received for innovation
- For the Team award, include specifics on the nurse leadership of the team.
- 1500 word maximum. (Please refer to evaluation criteria definitions.)

**Annotative Bibliography**

- Upload an annotated bibliography in APA format that demonstrates the literature you have reviewed to support this innovation. To increase the strength of your application the document should demonstrate how it fills the gap. The document uploaded should not exceed 3 pages in length.
- What is an annotated bibliography? An annotated bibliography is a list of citations to books, articles, and/or documents. Each citation is followed by a brief descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited.

## The Award

- ANA Innovation Awards will be presented between the dates of November 30 - December 15, 2020.
- A \$25,000 monetary award will be given to the ANA Innovation Award individual winner.
- \$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 Innovation Award winners will be responsible for all arrangements, including lodging, travel, and associated expenses to travel to receive the award.
- Award winners will provide a **brief** overview of their innovation which will be shared during the acceptance of the award.
- Award winners may be asked the following year to deliver a formal presentation on the innovation at a concurrent or designated session at an ANA event (to be determined), according to ANA guidelines. Winners must agree to work with ANA to prepare the presentation.

## Evaluation Criteria and Definitions

**Extraordinary innovation:** The activities of the nominated product, program, project, or practice (henceforth to be known as “the innovation”) are unique or creative in the means utilized to address the identified problem or need. The innovation activities go beyond what is usual, regular, customary, or merely incremental in their approach. A higher-level score reflects evidence of a thorough review of the literature and other available sources identifying the absence of their unique or creative approach addressing the stated problem or need. The innovation has a profound impact on patient safety and/or outcomes.

**Nurse initiated or led:** Evidence that the innovation was initiated and is led by a nurse or nurses. Nurses are involved in the leadership, development, implementation, and evaluation of the innovation.

**Nurse involvement at all levels:** Evidence that the innovation related activities include nurses representing direct care clinicians, nurse leaders, and other disciplines, as appropriate. A higher-level score reflects nurses from all levels of the organization remaining involved in the innovation.

**Sustainability:** Evidence that the innovation is seen as enduring or can be sustained by obtaining support through donor, parent organization, fees for service, or other funding. There is evidence that the innovation has a strategy to keep the innovation operating in the future. A higher-level score reflects expansion of the innovation and the ability to acquire support to meet identified needs.

**Replicability:** Evidence that the innovation can be reproduced partially or in total by a different organization. A higher-level score reflects the innovation has been reproduced in total or partial, demonstrating similar outcomes.

**Transformative of patient safety/outcomes:** Evidence that there has been measurement of the innovation’s results in patient safety and/or patient outcomes through supportive data and testing. The identified outcomes have trended positive and have been transformative in nature through the innovation. There is evidence of the ongoing evaluation of the results and outcomes. The evaluations of the results/outcomes identify changes made to improve or stabilize the innovation. A higher score reflects evidence of the innovation identifying results/outcomes goals, evaluation of progress to the stated goals, and plans of action identifying initiatives implemented to achieve stated goals. A higher score reflects that the impact or outcome of the innovation is beyond just nursing and/or a specific unit.

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