**EVHRDC AWARDS 2025**

**GUIDELINES**

# About the Awards

The EVHRDC Awards is held every two (2) years to honor researchers in Region 8 for their significant contributions to knowledge related to health. The awards will have two (2) categories: **The Distinguished Health Researcher Award and the Outstanding Novice Health Researcher Award**. Each category can have up to three recipients every two years. The selection committee may not confer any of the awards once no one meets the qualifications.

# Eligibility for Distinguished Health Researcher Award

The Distinguished Health Researcher Award is open to all Filipino Citizen researchers of Region 8-Eastern Visayas (whether individual or group/institutional categories) of the affiliated members of the Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC) and other interested colleges, universities, and agencies not affiliated with EVHRDC. The award shall have no age restrictions and can be granted posthumously.

# Eligibility for Outstanding Novice Health Researcher Award

This aims to encourage young researchers to undertake work in all fields of health research. The award will be granted to researchers within Eastern Visayas region that are employed by the member institutions of the consortium only. This award shall be given/conferred to young researchers not exceeding the age of 40 at the time of nomination.

# Selection Criteria

The Distinguished Health Researcher Award is conferred to individuals or groups while the Outstanding Novice Health Researcher Award is conferred to individuals who have made a significant contribution to health. This contribution could be a long-term, cumulative contribution or a single, particularly insightful idea, experiment, application, or interpretation.

The selection committee shall consider the following criteria in selecting the recipient:

1. Demonstrated excellence in research, scholarly, and/or artistic work;

1. Recognition by professional societies, community organizations, or other external bodies;

1. Contributions to the research environment both locally, nationally, and internationally. This can include the development of major research installations (e.g. a research center), participation in the deliberations of a major research granting agency (e.g. member and/or chair of a grant selection committee), or other prestigious forms of service to the field;

1. Contributions to the training and education of highly qualified personnel (e.g., undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and technical staff).

1. The selection committee reserves the right to make fewer than three awards or none at all in any year if there are no suitable candidates.

1. The institution where the individual or group researcher/s is affiliated shall also be recognized.

1. The selection committee shall determine the award category of a candidate/nominee. Distinguished Health Researcher nominee should have a minimum of five (5) published health research conducted, and the Outstanding Novice Health Researcher nominee should have one or a maximum of four (4) published health research/s.

1. New nominees should submit entries covering their accomplishments for the last three (3) years.

1. Previous nominees who were not conferred the 1st place award may still submit entries covering their accomplishments for the last three (3) years. Previous first-place winners from both categories shall no longer be allowed to join the search.

# Selection Committee

The award recipients will be chosen by a selection committee that include:

1. The Chairperson of the EVHRDC SOME Committee or its Authorized Representative (Chair);

1. The Chairpersons of the EVHRDC Committees (RMC, ERC, RUC, CBC) or Authorized representatives from each committee (Members); and

1. In the event that a selection committee member shall be nominated, he/she must abstain from any discussions about and decisions in the selection of the award recipient. He/She shall be replaced by an authorized member of the consortium committee to be determined by the Executive Committee.

1. The member of the selection committee/evaluator should not be in any way related to the nominee up to 3rd degree of consanguinity or affinity. Under those circumstances, the member shall likewise abstain. He/She shall be replaced by an authorized member of the consortium committee to be determined by the Executive Committee.

# Nomination Procedures

1. The EVHRDC Selection Committee will be responsible for issuing a call for nominations.
2. Candidates may be nominated by a colleague, any individual, or any agency. Self- nomination may also be allowed. The nominator should be of someone in higher stature than the nominee. It could be someone the nominee had worked with, i.e., mentor, consultant, or workmate.
3. **The nomination package must include:**
   1. A letter from the nominator summarizing the candidate’s research achievements and outlining the national or international significance of the candidate’s scholarly work. (The nomination letter should not exceed 3 pages);
   2. Current curriculum vitae of the candidate in the standardized format required by the EVHRDC Search Committee;
   3. Three letters of support from scholars in the candidate’s main or cognate fields, commenting on the impact of the candidates’ work regionally, nationally, and internationally. At least two of these letters must be from scholars outside the workplace.
   4. Filled out EVHRDC Awards 2025 Nomination Form.
4. Nominees should be researchers from Region 8; one or more study should cover locale, respondents, or subjects from the region, while other studies may cover locale, respondents, or subjects from other parts of the country (or the world), but results of the study should have relevance to Region 8.

# Selection Criteria

The Distinguished Health Researcher Awardees and Outstanding Novice Health Researcher Awardees shall be chosen by the Board of Judges. Decisions of the Board of Judges shall be final and unappealable. The Board of Judges has the right not to declare any winner. The Board of Judges shall formulate their own guidelines of judging based on the suggested criteria:

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| Extent of impact on health/quality of life |  |  |  | 40 % |
| Economic benefits |  |  |  | 30 % |
| S&T benefits |  |  |  | 10 % |
| Research Pitching and Publications |  |  |  | 10% |
| Research Training Involvement |  |  |  | 10% |
|  |  |  |  | 100% |

**Awards and Recognition**

# Distinguished Health Researcher Award

* Cash 1st Place Php20,000.00

Plaque/Certificate

Award for Institution – Certificate

* Two Runners-up

2nd Place Plaque/Certificate

3rd Place Plaque/Certificate

Award for Institution – Certificate

# Outstanding Novice Health Researcher Award

* Cash 1st Place Php15,000.00

Plaque/Certificate

Award for Institution – Certificate

* Two Runners-up

2nd Place Plaque/Certificate

3rd Place Plaque/Certificate

Award for Institution - Certificate

# How to Submit an Entry

Submit the **nomination package** in person, via courier or via email **on or before June 30, 2025**. Please provide documentary evidences or any supporting documents to support your entry (These may include publications, reports, certificates, and photographs)

1. In person or courier: EVHRDC Secretariat, DOST Regional Office No. 08, Government

Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

1. Email: send in PDF format to evhealthresearch2020@gmail.com with the subject:

EVHRDC Awards 2025 Submission

# Timetable

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| **Activity** | **2025 Timeline** |
| Call for Nomination | March 20, 2025 |
| Deadline for Submission of Nominations | June 30, 2025 |
| Selection Process | July-August 2025 |
| Awarding of Winners | 2025 Regional Health Research Symposium (October 2025) |