**BEST HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD 2025**

**GUIDELINES**

**The Best Health Research Award** is conferred upon individuals or teams whose health research has made outstanding contributions to significantly advancing knowledge, improving healthcare practices, or influencing public health policies. This prestigious accolade recognizes innovative, evidence-based research that demonstrates scientific rigor, originality, and a measurable impact on health outcomes.

**Award Categories:**

Any health research that has been completed, implemented, and/or published **within the last three (3) years**. The studies may fall under these two categories: 

1. **Biomedical Research**- the research must be engaged in generating or adopting appropriate health technologies that address specific health problems and emphasize the development of diagnostic tools and techniques, biological (e.g. drugs, vaccines, functional foods, etc.), biomedical devices, and ICT-based healthcare technologies.

1. **Health Services Research**- the research must be involved in the organization, administration, operation, utilization, and other aspects of health services delivery systems that address the country’s social, political, cultural, and economic conditions.

**Nomination Procedures**

1. Nominations may be submitted by individuals, academic institutions, research organizations, healthcare facilities, or professional associations.
2. Self-nomination of your health research study is permitted and encouraged.
3. **The nomination package must include:**
   1. A letter from the nominator describing its significance, innovation, and impact of research in the community. (The nomination letter should not exceed 3 pages);
   2. Current curriculum vitae of the candidate using the format required by the EVHRDC Search Committee;
   3. Three letters of support from scholars in the candidate’s main or cognate fields are required, describing the impact of the health research study at the regional, national, and international levels. At least two of these letters must come from scholars outside the candidate’s workplace.
   4. Accomplished EVHRDC Awards 2025 Nomination Form.
4. The nominated health research study must be a local study conducted in Region 8. At least one study must involve local respondents or subjects from its locality and must undergo an ethics review to ensure ethical standards and comply with the institutional guidelines. Other studies may include participants or settings from other parts of the country or the world; however, the overall findings must demonstrate relevance to Region VIII.
5. **Criteria for Judging:**

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| **Criteria** | **%** |
| **Research Excellence:** Quality, novelty, and impact of health research in the healthcare delivery system | 40% |
| **Innovation and Impact:** Contribution to advancements in healthcare, policy changes, and real-world application. | 30% |
| **Community Engagement & Outreach:** Involvement in public health awareness, education, and benefiting vulnerable communities. | 20% |
| **Career Achievements & Recognitions:** Awards, honors, keynote speaker invitations, and membership in prestigious organizations. | 10% |
| **Total** | **100%** |

**Awards and Recognition**

* Cash 1st Place Php10,000.00

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 email **on or before June 30, 2025**. Please provide documentary evidence or any supporting documents to support your entry (These may include publications, reports, certificates, and photographs)

1. A letter addressed to:

**EXUPERIA B. SABALBERINO, MD, MPH, CESe**

Regional Director, DOH EV-CHD

Chairperson, EVHRDC Executive Committee

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: Best Health Research Award 2025

# Timetable

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| **Activity** | **Timeline** |
| Call for Nomination | May 5, 2025 |
| Deadline for Submission of Nominations | June 30, 2025 |
| Selection Process | July-August 2025 |
| Awarding of Winners | 2025 Regional Health Research Symposium (October 2025) |