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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 ALBERTO G. ROMUALDEZ JR.  
OUTSTANDING HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD (AROHRA)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) announces the **Call for Nomination for the 2024 Alberto G. Romualdez, Jr. Outstanding Health Research Award (AROHRA)**.
2. Relative thereto, the Eastern Visayas Health Research and Development Consortium (EVHRDC) is encouraging researchers to submit health related researches geared towards addressing the scientific and technological needs of the health delivery system and prevalent health related issues. Deadline of submission of the nomination to the consortium is on or before January 5, 2024.
3. Attached is a copy of the guidelines including the nomination form for your reference.
4. For your concerns and inquiries, you may contact PCHRD at email address [awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph](mailto:awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph).
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Regional Director

Enclosures: As Stated

References: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

EVHRDC RESEARCH

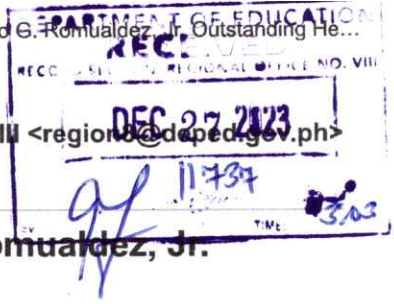
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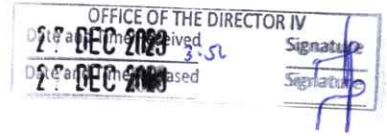


# DOST-PCHRD: Call for Nominations for the 2024 Alberto G. Romualdez, Jr. Outstanding Health Research Award (AROHRA)

1 message

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Dear EVHRDC Members,

Greetings!

The Department of Science and Technology- Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) is pleased to announce that the **Call for Nominations for the 2024 Alberto G. Romualdez, Jr. Outstanding Health Research Award (AROHRA) is now open.**

**The Alberto G. Romualdez, Jr. Outstanding Health Research Award (AROHRA)** is given every three years to encourage researchers to utilize their research findings in addressing the scientific and technological needs of the health delivery system and reward those whose research have contributed significantly to addressing prevalent health issues.

In line with this, may we respectfully request our EVHRDC member institutions to disseminate the call for nominations to the member-institutions and relevant stakeholders in the region? The deadline for submission of the nominations to the consortium is **on or before January 5, 2024.**

A copy of the guidelines including the nomination form is attached, for your reference.

Should there be any concerns, you may contact the PCHRD Awards Secretariat via email at [awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph](mailto:awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph).

Regards,  
EVHRDC Secretariat

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### 3 attachments

- AROHRA Form 1\_ Nomination Form.pdf**  
198K
- AROHRA Form 1\_ Guide Questions.pdf**  
49K
- 2024 AROHRA Guidelines.PDF**  
1289K

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**GUIDELINES**  
**2024 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**ALBERTO G. ROMUALDEZ, JR. OUTSTANDING HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD**  
**(AROHRA)**

**PURPOSE**

The Alberto G. Romualdez, Jr. Outstanding Health Research Award (AROHRA), given every three years, encourages researchers to be sensitive to the scientific and technological needs of the health delivery system and rewards those whose research have contributed significantly to addressing prevalent health issues.

The Award seeks to commend research programs or projects that have demonstrated strong link between research and practice through the utilization of research findings in the health delivery system. Given by the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) in collaboration with other implementing agencies of the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS), the Award has two (2) categories, namely: Biomedical Research and Health Services Research.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. What can be nominated

The award is open to completed research programs or projects done or led by Filipino researcher/s. The nominated entry must be done mainly in the Philippines or that its scope, participants and beneficiaries are in the Philippines.

For purposes of this Award, a research program refers to a group of interrelated or complementing research projects that require an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary approach to meet established goal/s within a specific time frame, while a research project refers to the basic unit in the investigation of specific research problems with predetermined objective/s to be accomplished within a specific time frame.

Nominated research programs or projects may fall under any of two categories: Biomedical Research or Health Services Research.

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

2. Who can nominate

Any institution; members of the consortium; scientific, technological and professional societies or associations; research institutes; universities and colleges; and individuals may submit a nomination. Self-nomination is not allowed.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Submit the AROHRA nomination form for initial screening to the Regional Health Research and Development Consortium (RHRDC) Secretariat. Nominations must be received by the RHRDC secretariat no later than the specified deadline.

Shortlisted nominees will be endorsed by the RHRDCs to DOST-PCHR. Qualified nominees will be selected and contacted by DOST-PCHR. Qualified nominees will be required to submit the following documents in hard and electronic copies:

- a. Fully-accomplished Entry Form
- b. Write-up on the impact of the project on health delivery, a contextualization of the problem that the program/project seeks to address and a description of the program/project, highlighting how the results were utilized, as well as the benefits derived from their utilization.
- c. One copy of each of the technical reports and/or publications of the completed projects leading to technology transfer and/or translation to a policy formulation or program intervention.
- d. Statement from the technology user(s) and program or project end-user(s) describing the contribution of the technology and program or project in improving health delivery.

After the preliminary screening, the judges may ask for additional supporting documents from the nominees.

## **SELECTION**

### **1. Criteria for Selection**

Criteria for selection will vary according to category.

#### **a. Biomedical Research**

##### **a.1 Extent of impact on health/quality of life - 50%**

- Contributes to the promotion of well-being of a significant section of the population – the technology developed or adopted must have addressed any of the top ten diseases/causes of morbidity/mortality in the Philippines or within the National Objectives for Health (NOH)/Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs)/ AmBisyon Natin 2040 (25%)
- Designed towards a long-term solution to health problems affecting a majority of the population - the technology developed or adopted must be geared towards reduction in the incidence/prevalence of disease or the burden of disease (15%)
- Addresses a health priority or commitment aligned with the National Unified Health Research Agenda (NUHRA) (5%)
- Has short gestation period for timely application of results (the duration of development and application fall within 3 years) or can present interim results that are substantial and impactful (5%)

##### **a.2 Economic benefits - 30%**

- Has potential savings accruing from import substitution and reduced healthcare costs (cost benefit derived from the use and application of the product or process generated by the research program or project) (15%)
- Has a potential for export (Applications for quality assurance certification and patent registration have been filed to ensure that the product is safe and commercially viable) (5%)
- Increases productivity and generates employment (based on a potential technology commercialization plan or proof of commercial initiation or an intent for commercial application e.g. medicinal product has generated work for Filipino farmers) (5%)
- Achieves better allocation/application of health resources (The technology generated by the research program or project uses locally sourced materials or if it is a process, has sourced its experts from within the local expert community, which includes local manufacturing plants and experts from local engineers/technicians, if applicable) (5%)

## 2. Procedure for Selection

- a. There will be two (2) levels of selection: Preliminary Screening and Final Selection
- b. Preliminary Screening:
  - b.1 Nominations for the Award will be evaluated by a Screening Committee composed of distinguished scientists and technical experts appointed by the DOST-PCHR. The Screening Committee can undertake visits or interview nominees or other concerned individuals to validate statements made in the entry form.
  - b.2 The Screening Committee recommends a shortlist of candidates to the Board of Judges for its consideration.
- c. Final Selection:
  - c.1 The Board of Judges reviews the work of short-listed candidates and decides on the awardee for each category based on the set criteria.
  - c.2 If the Board of Judges finds that no research program or project sufficiently meets the qualifications for a particular category, the Board of Judges has the prerogative to not grant the Award. Winners are ineligible for subsequent nominations, while non-winners are still eligible for nominations upon submission of a new set of documents.
  - c.3 The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

### **INCENTIVES**

The winners in each category will receive a cash prize amounting to **PHP 1,000,000.00** (Net of Tax) and a trophy. Consolation prizes amounting to **PHP 30,000.00** (Net of Tax) will also be provided to the shortlisted nominees.

### **TIMETABLE**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Call for nominations	October 2023 - January 2024
Deadline of submission of recommendation form to respective consortium	January 5, 2024
Submission of the endorsed recommendation forms to DOST-PCHR	January 12, 2024
Submission of complete nominees' documents to DOST-PCHR	March 31, 2024
Screening of nominees' submitted documents	April 2024
Selection Process	May-June 2024
Awarding	PNHRS Week Celebration (2nd week of August)

## **AROHRA FORM 1: NOMINATION FORM**

### **Guide Questions for Narrative Description of the Nominated Program/Project**

In 1000-1500 words, write a narrative description of the program or project. The questions below are not meant to be answered in a strict itemized format. Rather, they should serve as a guide in composing your essay. The essay should be at least two pages accompanied by supporting documents such as photos and other necessary documents to support the nomination.

- A. The need. Cite the scientific and/or technological need(s) of the health delivery system that the nominated program/project intends to address:
- Give a brief introduction of your involvement in the program/project.
  - How did you learn about or get involved in the development/implementation of the technology or service?
  - What particular scientific and/or technological need does the health delivery system have that necessitate the implementation of this program/project?
  - Describe the scope and/or prevalence of the disease and/or health issue/concern that the program/project aims to address.
  - What other options or methods were available to address the particular health requirement?
- B. The Program/Project. Kindly provide a short description of the program or project:
- What is its main purpose?
  - Who are its key program/project leaders, implementers, participants and/or beneficiaries?
  - How is it implemented?
  - In what location and for what sector is the program/project primarily implemented?
  - In what ways is the program/project a pioneer, a breakthrough or an alternative in its respective field?
  - How did the processes or dynamics of the program/project differ from other available technology or service?
  - Any other essential information about the program/project?
- C. The Link. Please describe the connection between the identified need(s) and implementation of the research:
- In what ways did the program/project meet a personal health requirement?
  - How was the experience of the end-user and/or beneficiary of the program/project?
  - Is the program/project recommended especially to those who might need the health technology or service?
  - How does the effectiveness and usefulness of the technology and/or service fare in terms of short-term and long-term goals?
  - In general, what could be the program/project's contribution to the betterment of the health delivery system in the country?
  - Is the program or project likely to be further developed to serve a greater purpose and a wider public?
- D. Others:
- What are other matters you would like to share or discuss about the program/project?



**Alberto G. Romualdez, Jr. Outstanding Health Research Award  
Nomination Form**

**1. PROFILE OF PROGRAM/PROJECT TO BE NOMINATED**

Program/Project Title:

Project Leader(s):

Implementing Agency (Name of University-College-Institute, Department/Organization or Company):

Address/Telephone/Fax/Email (Barangay, Municipality, District, Province, Region):

**2. PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE NOMINATOR**

Name of the Nominator or the Representative of a nominating group:

Designation:

Affiliation:

Affiliation Address:

Address/Telephone/Fax/Email (Barangay, Municipality, District, Province, Region):

3. In 1000-1500 words, give a narrative description of the program or project using the guide questions attached (at least two pages accompanied by supporting documents, e.g. photos and other necessary documents to support the nomination):

I hereby certify that all information provided as part of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statement on this submission may subject the nominee to disqualification or invalidation of the award.

I also give my consent to the organizing committee considering this nomination to use the information provided herein only for the purpose of evaluation and selection for the award.

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Signature over Printed Name of Nominator  
Date: