

AONL Foundation Leadership Science and Research Member-Led Group (MLG)

Charter

Promotes nursing leadership and systems science research through strategic initiatives, including the AONL Foundation Grants Program and Nurse Researcher of the Year Award. The MLG advises on funding opportunities, evaluates proposals, award nominations, identifies gaps in evidence, and assesses the impact of funding priorities. These efforts aim to advance knowledge and foster innovation in nursing leadership practice.



AONL Strategic Alignment

Priority

Objective

Lead, Inspire, and Support the Healthcare Workforce

Advance Nursing Leadership

Eliminating Disparities in Healthcare Outcomes

- Leverage evidence-based research strategies to demonstrate the economic value of nursing and nurse leaders.
- Engage the community of nurse leaders who represent membership to drive innovation and knowledge exchange across the care continuum
- Lead the adoption of innovative practice solutions and emerging technologies to revolutionize care delivery and enhance health outcomes
- Offer grants that address disparities in care delivery annually



Stakeholders

- AONL Board of Directors
- AONL Foundation Board of Directors
- Nursing Leadership Community
- Chair, Leadership Science and Research
- Vice Chair, Leadership Science and Research



Meeting Cadence

- Virtual & Monthly
- 2nd Mondays of the month from 1:00 – 2:00 PM CT
- Agendas sent via email one week in advance.



Deliverables

Deliverable	Target Date
• Award a minimum of 3 research grants annually	December 31, 2026
• Recommend the 2027 “Researcher of the Year” award recipient to AONL Foundation Board of Directors	November 30, 2026
• Recommend keynote speaker for the Foundation keynote at AONL 2027 to the AONL Foundation Board of Directors	November 30, 2026
• Align research priorities with the AONL strategic plan and call for proposals. Present to Foundation Board of Directors for endorsement.	November 30, 2026
• Identify gaps in evidence, leadership practice and science.	November 30, 2026
• Evaluate the impact of grant funding by considering short-term and long-term outcomes. • Modify current reporting metrics	December 31, 2026
• Update website to reflect directional priorities and strategies	December 31, 2026