2026 PNIRS Award Nomination Guidelines

The Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS) recognizes excellence in research and leadership in the field of psychoneuroimmunology through distinguished awards presented annually at the PNIRS Annual Meeting. Members of the PNIRS community are invited to nominate colleagues whose work has significantly advanced the field.

Robert Ader New Investigator Award

The **Robert Ader New Investigator Award** recognizes an early-career investigator who has made outstanding contributions to research in psychoneuroimmunology. Named in honor of PNIRS co-founder **Dr. Robert Ader**, the award highlights innovative scientists whose work demonstrates exceptional promise and impact in advancing the field.

Eligibility
- Early-career investigator (typically Assistant Professor level or equivalent stage)
- Research must contribute significantly to the field of psychoneuroimmunology
- Demonstrated scientific independence and research productivity

Nomination Materials
- Letter of nomination describing the nominee's contributions and impact
- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Optional additional letter(s) of support

Norman Cousins Award

The **Norman Cousins Award** is the highest honor awarded by PNIRS and recognizes individuals who have made sustained and influential contributions to the field of psychoneuroimmunology. Named in honor of **Norman Cousins**, the award celebrates individuals whose work has advanced the science and interdisciplinary impact of the field.

Eligibility
- Must be a Regular or Emeritus member of PNIRS
- Distinguished record of contributions to psychoneuroimmunology research
- Current PNIRS officers are not eligible

Nomination Materials
- Letter of nomination outlining the nominee's career contributions and impact
- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Optional additional supporting letter(s)

General Nomination Requirements
- Self-nominations are not permitted
- All nomination materials must be submitted through the PNIRS nomination form
- All documents should be uploaded in PDF format