

Conduct and Utilization of Research in Nursing (CURN) Award Competitive Research Program

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Introduction

Submit 4 (four) copies of the completed grant application and relevant appendices to:

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The application must be postmarked by July 15.

Page 1, 2 3 Grant Application, Research support and Abstract – Self-Explanatory

Page 4 Detailed Budget for proposed Research

It is important to justify all expenses. The following items are not allowed as expenditures: indirect costs to affiliating institutions, educational expenses, dissertation/thesis preparation, expenditures to present a paper, proposal development, principal investigator(s) and nurse staffing salaries.

Page 5 Project Narrative (Must not exceed 10 (ten) single spaced pages, excluding Appendices.) A blind review will be conducted; delete any identifying information.

Conduct of Research Studies

1. Conceptualization of the Problem: Describe the problem to be studied and discuss it in a theoretical context.
This section should include:
 - a. A review of relevant theory and research, which will define the research problem within its general context. Include any previous work completed by the investigators involved with the project.

- b. A statement of the research problem, which specifically identifies the question(s) to which answers are being sought.
 - c. A statement of the significance of this research problem to nursing practice.
2. Methodology: Describe in detail the procedures to be utilized in conducting the study. This section should include:
- a. Design – Describe the overall design of the study, including variables or domain of inquiry.
 - b. Sample – Describe sample characteristics, size of sample, and information regarding how sample will be obtained.
 - c. Instruments – Briefly describe instruments, if applicable. Both quantitative and qualitative studies need to address validity and reliability or credibility and trustworthiness.
 - d. Data Collection – Describe data collection procedures in detail.
 - e. Data Analysis – Provide a detailed description of the actual process and/or statistics to be utilized in analyzing the data.
3. Feasibility: Describe resources that are available to implement the research. Identify and explain the prepared time frame.
4. Implications for Nursing Practice: Describe the implications for nursing practice.

Research Utilization Studies

1. Conceptualization of the Problem: Describe significance of the problem to nursing practice, including:
- a. Statement of the Problem – Briefly describe the current nursing practice regarding your proposed project. Explain why practice should be changed or modified. Identify the research utilization model selected.
 - b. Research Base to Support the Change in Practice – Synthesize the research on which the proposed change is based.
 - c. Practice Innovation – Describe in detail the proposed research-based practice change or modification.
2. Methodology: This section should include:
- a. Change Agents – identify the change agents.

- b. Organization context – Describe practice settings, organizational commitment and available resources.
 - c. Time Frames – Include time frames for each phase of the research utilization project.
 - d. Barriers – Identify potential limitations and provide alternative strategies that might be used.
 - e. Evaluation – Include pre and post implementation measures, data analysis techniques, and mechanism for decision to adopt, modify or reject innovations.
3. Dissemination: Describe the means to extend or diffuse the adopted or modified innovation both within and beyond the study organization. Include resources needed and potential barriers.

Appendices for Conduct of Research or Research Utilization Studies

- 1. Include any relevant instruments, evaluation tools or protocols which will be used in the project.
- 2. Include a letter of support from a human rights review committee if appropriate. If such a letter is not available, include when and where the study will be reviewed. Also include all consent forms.
- 3. If applicant is a student, include a letter of support from the research advisor.
- 4. Include a list of all references cited in the proposal.
- 5. Include letter(s) of support from persons administratively responsible for access to potential subjects and/or other required resources in settings where the study will be conducted.

6. Institution(s) and address(es) in which research will be conducted.

7. Research on human subjects: Yes No

If "Yes," identify the review board/committee:

Date Project Reviewed: _____

Date of Project Approval*: _____

I, the undersigned, certify that the statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and accept, as to any grant awarded, the obligation to comply with the terms and conditions in effect at the time of the award.

Signature of Principal Investigator

Date

*Once the project is approved, documentation from the Committee should be forwarded to MNA if not included with this proposal.

Abstract

Provide a one page, single spaced abstract of the proposal, using APA format. Abstracts are considered privileged communication until the grant is approved. Do not include investigator's name on the abstract.

Detailed Budget for Proposed Research

Justify all expenditures in the space provided. Use additional pages if necessary. If multidisciplinary study, indicate nursing related expenses.

PERSONNEL (Consultation, clerical and research associates only; principal investigator and nurse staffing salaries will not be awarded) \$ _____

SUPPLIES \$ _____

EQUIPMENT \$ _____

TRAVEL \$ _____

COMPUTER COSTS (Explain why institution does not underwrite computer costs.) \$ _____

OTHER EXPENSES

\$ _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

List all other research support for investigators affiliated with project. Explain why those monies are not available to support this research.

OTHER RESEARCH SUPPORT
(If proposed project is in excess of \$5,000)

Concurrent support for PROPOSED Research.
(List sources and amount of committee support beyond the \$5,000)

Project Narrative

Provide a detailed presentation of your proposed project according to instructions provided. Use additional pages as necessary. Reviewers need sufficient detail that they could understand how to conduct the study themselves. Project narrative cannot exceed 10 pages, excluding appendices. **A blind review will be conducted. Please delete any identifying information in the narrative.**