



IntNSA Board of Directors Research Scholar Award *(Funded by the Foundation for Addictions Nursing)*

Purpose

- A. The purpose of the award is to stimulate research that has direct or indirect impact on addictions nursing.

Guidelines

1. One award of up to \$1,000 will be given each year. No indirect cost is included in the award.
2. All applications must be received by the application deadline - **June 1**.
3. Awardees will be notified by July 1. *It is strongly recommended that someone from the team be present at the conference to accept the award.*
4. The funding period is from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
5. Funds will be released following documentation of Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or exemption. A one-page final report (electronic) summarizing the study findings is due to IntNSA by October 1, 2012.
6. Grant awardees are expected to submit an abstract based on their study findings the year after the study is completed.
7. An individual may receive only one award in a two-year period as a Principal Investigator.

Format

1. A face page that identifies all investigators must accompany all applications. A title page without information related to the applicants must be included. The rest of the pages of the application must have no information related to the identity of the researchers.
2. Format guidelines: Investigators must use single spacing, no less than 11 point size (15 characters per inch); page limitations for each section are recommendations only but the proposal narrative (specific aims, significance, innovation, approach, and timeline) (section d below) cannot exceed 5, single-spaced pages excluding references, and supporting materials. Do not include any investigator identification except on the face page. Place a header at the top of each page using the first 20 characters of the title of the proposal.
 - a. Face Page: Title with 56 characters including spaces or less. All investigators name, rank and organization.
 - b. Cover page: Title only
 - c. Abstract: 300 words or less
 - d. Proposal Narrative (no more than 5 single-spaced pages)

Specific Aims: (state succinctly the goals of the project [e.g. to test a stated hypothesis; solve a specific problem, challenge an existing clinical practice, address a critical barrier to progress in the field] and summarize the expected outcome(s) including the impact that the results of the proposed research will exert on the field of addictions nursing). (0.5 page)

Research Strategy:

Significance: (explain the importance of the problem or critical barrier to progress in the field that the proposed project addresses; explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge and/or clinical practice; describe how the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventive interventions that drive this field will be changed if the proposed aims are achieved). (0.5 – 1 page)

Innovation (explain how the proposed project challenges and seeks to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms; describe any novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or intervention(s) to be developed or used, and any advantage over existing methodologies, instrumentation or interventions: explain any improvements, new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions) (0.5 page)

Approach (Design, methods, analysis): (describe overall strategy, methodology and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project; describe how data will be collected, analyzed and interpreted; discuss potential problems and alternative strategies). (2 - 2.5 pages)

Human Subjects: we do not expect proposals to have Institutional Review Board Approval at the time of the review. However, IRB approval must be provided before funds are released. (0.5 page)

Timeline: outline the proposed sequence of events during the one-year period of funding (0.5 page)

- e. Appendices: As needed to support proposal
- f. References
- g. Budget: Dollars requested and justification for how the funds will be spent

Process

1. Email proposal and related appendices to intnsa@intnsa.org
2. The Research Committee, with additional invited reviewers as needed, will review and score proposals using NIH priority scoring methods.
3. The Chair of the Research committee will send forth the committee recommendations to the president of IntNSA and the chair of the Foundation for Addictions Nursing (FAN) along with comments and critique from the reviewers.
4. All applicants will be notified by the IntNSA president of the outcome of the proposal review including their priority score and a summary of the reviewers' comments.
5. Final notification of award will be announced at the annual IntNSA conference. The grant is funded by FAN.

Selection Criteria

1. Scientific Merit
2. Potential for the research to have a direct or indirect impact on addictions nursing.
3. Feasibility of completing the project in the stated time frame.
4. With all criteria being equal, preference will be given to IntNSA members.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 1