AACN Faculty Scholars Grant Applicant FAQ

1. Can more than one person from my school apply for funding?

   Yes. There is no restriction on the number of applicants from the same school.

2. Are references required? Does the 1,200-word limit for the project proposal include the references? Do references need to be in APA format?

   References are not required but may be included as part of the proposal. The 1,200-word limit does include references, though there is no particular format that needs to be followed. As long as the reviewers are able to access the references, that should be sufficient.

3. Would this funding opportunity be a suitable to support dissertation work? Are post-doctoral fellows permitted to apply for this funding?

   This program is not intended to support dissertation research or post-doctoral fellows, but rather to support the scholarly work of faculty.

4. Will an authorization form to pursue funding signed by both my director and dean suffice for the dean's letter of support requirement?

   An actual letter of support from your dean or director is preferred. Please keep in mind that not providing this letter may put you at a disadvantage during the review process.

5. What should my dean's letter of support address?

   The dean's letter of support must at minimum state that the dean's support for your proposal. Many applicants include a more detailed letter, which also includes prior experiences, awards won, and the expected outcomes of the project.

6. Are there budget items that are not allowed as part of the project? Is travel to AACN conferences an allowable expense? Is there a limit for personnel costs?

   Travel to conferences is not an allowable expense as recipients are not required to present at AACN conferences. The budget should be comprised of items that directly impact the project. Personnel costs are an allowable expense, and there is no restriction on the percentage of the budget that will cover personnel costs.

7. On the Team Member Information form, do I need to include my bio as Project Manager here as well as in the Brief Bio section?

Yes, we ask that you include a short bio on the Team Member document as well as in the Brief Bio section.

8. May I upload one key publication that I believe is crucial for the proposal reviewers to see? If so, where would I include it?

Since the application does not allow for the submission of extra documents, you could include the citation for the publication within the project proposal. There is no ability to upload an additional document in the application.

9. I am writing to clarify the indirect cost rate allowable for the AACN Faculty Scholars Grant program.

The [AACN indirect cost rate](#) for the Faculty Scholars Grants is 10%.

10. Does the $25,000 budget max include the 10% indirect costs or is it on top of the$25,000 max budget?

The $25,000 max budget is inclusive of the 10% indirect costs.

11. I inadvertently uploaded the wrong version of my application, what should I do?

Please reach out to an AACN staff member, and we will work directly with you to troubleshoot this issue.

12. What should I do if I receive an email stating I had started an application with a reminder that it is due soon, even though I completed my application?

The reminder email you received was auto generated based on an incomplete submission attached to your profile. This may happen when applicants start more than one submission. Please reach out to an AACN staff member to confirm your submission status.

13. I applied but did not receive a confirmation email. How can I check to see if my application was uploaded?

Every applicant who successfully applies will automatically receive a confirmation email. If you have not received a confirmation email, please confirm submission status with an AACN staff member.