

## 2024 Call for Applications AACN Faculty Scholars Grant Program

The **Foundation for Academic Nursing**, the philanthropic arm of the **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)**, is pleased to announce the 2024 call for applications for the AACN Faculty Scholars Grant Program.

### Overview

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A total of \$50,000 funding will be distributed to support **two** \$25,000 faculty scholarship projects through 2024.

The focus of these scholarly activities will reflect current issues in nursing education or practice and support of AACN's strategic priorities.

### **2024-2025 Academic Year Theme: *Innovation in the Use and Measurement of Simulation Pedagogy in Nursing Education***

AACN is seeking proposals to examine the impact of simulation-based education using a wide variety of methodologies, including, but not limited to, mannequin-based, XR, and virtual simulation focused on student transition to practice outcomes. Recognizing the importance of experiential learning to preparing the next generation of nurses, there continues to be a need for evidence of best practices to improve educational outcomes. AACN will fund **two** \$25,000 grants for pilot studies to measure student outcomes using simulation-based education.

### Faculty Commitment

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Faculty receiving funding must provide interim and final progress reports and share data, findings, and additional content with the membership through AACN's website, *Syllabus* newsletter, and social media. Scholars will be expected to present an AACN webinar and submit a manuscript for publication to the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

### Application Criteria & Process

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Applicants must apply via an online form and submit no later than **August 5, 2024 at 11:59 pm (ET)**. All faculty from [AACN member schools](#) are eligible to apply. In the event of a team application, the Primary Project Manager must represent a member school. We recommend that you draft your application prior to completing it online, though the application can be saved in

the online application portal as you progress. All four elements of the application must be completed: General Information, Project Team Information, Project Information, and your Commitment Statement.

Please read the directions below before accessing the online application.

## Application Contents:

### General Information

- Name and contact information for the Primary Project Manager. *In the event of a team application, this person will be the primary correspondent.*
- Primary Project Manager employment information:
  - o Position (FT/PT)
  - o Years in role
  - o Number of direct reports
  - o Title of the person to whom you report
  - o Name of the person to whom you report
  - o Brief biographical sketch (250 words)
- Confirm permission to submit application by relevant college or university authorities.

### Project Team Information

Complete the following template. This form is the location to share pertinent information for all your team members.

- o Use the template found [\[here\]](#).
- o Follow document naming convention provided below.

### Project Information

- Project Title (*no more than 12 words*)
- Identify the specific area of simulation-based education you will be studying.
- How relevant is this project to the advancement of nursing knowledge related to the impact of simulation-based education on student transition to practice? (*150-word limit*)
- How closely does this project align with the theme for this year: ***Innovation in the Use and Measurement of Simulation Pedagogy in Nursing Education?*** (*150-word limit*)
- What is the perceived impact of this project? (*150-word limit*)
- Project Proposal (*1,200-word limit*)
  - o Use the template found [\[here\]](#).
  - o Follow document naming convention provided below.
  - o In a Word document, please describe: I. Background/Introduction, II. Purpose, III. Methods or Intervention/Procedure, IV. Results, V. Limitations, VI. Conclusions/Implications for Practice.
- Dean Letter of Support
  - o Follow document naming convention provided below.

- Budget for the Project
  - o *Note: Use of this money is at the discretion of the school. Indirect costs are allowed but should not exceed 10% and should be included at the discretion of the applicant(s) and the school.*
  - o Use the template found [[here](#)].
  - o Follow document naming convention provided below.

### **Commitment Statement**

- Recipients will be responsible for interim and final reports, which will be due in March 2024 and September 2025.
- Reports/findings will be shared with the AACN membership via our website, the *Syllabus* newsletter, and social media.
- Scholars will be expected to present an AACN webinar and submit a manuscript for publication to the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

### **Document Naming Convention**

This application will require the upload of 4 items. The following naming convention is required.

"Last Name\_ITEM\_Date", example Smith\_TEAM\_8.5.2024.

- Last Name\_PROPOSAL\_Date
- Last Name\_TEAM\_Date
- Last Name\_LTR SUPPORT\_Date
- Last Name\_BUDGET\_Date

When uploading your items, please verify that they are in final format, i.e. no track changes are evident.

### **Timeline**

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- May 6, 2024 - Application period opens.
- August 5, 2024 – Application period closes.
- End of October 2024 - Recipient notified, awarded, and announced.
- March 2025 - Interim report submission.
- September 2025 - Final report submission.
- December 2025 - Plan to share and disseminate reports and findings with AACN membership through a webinar.

### **Review & Selection Process**

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Applications will be reviewed and selected by a committee appointed by the AACN Board of Directors. Reviewers will score applications using a scoring rubric. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by the end of October 2024.

## Dispersal of the Grant

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Two projects will be selected and awarded a \$25,000 faculty grant. The Primary Project Manager will receive notification, necessary documentation, and reporting information. Award monies will be distributed to the school of the Primary Project Manager for appropriate dispersal. Please provide the appropriate contact information for this person in your “Timeline & Budget” Template.

Please refer to the [FAQ document](#) for answers to commonly asked questions. Thank you for your interest in this program. When you are prepared to submit your application, please use the button below.

Applications open  
May 6th

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