2020 Call for Applications
AACN Faculty Scholars Grant Program

The Foundation for Academic Nursing, the new philanthropic arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is pleased to announce the creation of the AACN Faculty Scholars Grant Program. Funding for this program was provided by more than 150 nursing schools and organizations that contributed to AACN’s 50th Anniversary Celebration program.

Overview

A total of $100,000 funding will be distributed to support four $25,000 faculty scholarship projects through 2022 over two, one-year cycles. Two awards will be offered in the 2020-2021 academic year, and two will be offered in the 2021-2022 academic year.

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

2020-2021 Theme: Innovation and Excellence in Academic Nursing

First Year Priorities:

- Competency-Based Education Innovations
  - Execution of competency-based nursing education
  - Assessment and evaluation of competency-based education

- Nursing Education Innovations Related to Disaster Response (COVID-19)
  - Innovation in nursing academic administration
  - Curriculum re-design innovation
  - Innovative course delivery

Faculty Commitment

Faculty receiving funding must provide two 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 at an AACN conference and submit a manuscript for publication to the Journal of Professional Nursing.

Application Criteria & Process

In preparation for your application, please review a copy of the application. Applicants must apply via an online form and submit no later than August 14, 2020 at 11:59 pm (ET). All faculty
of AACN member schools are eligible to apply. In the event of a team application, the Primary Project Manager must represent a member school. Please prepare all application materials before starting your online application; your submission must be completed in one sitting. 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:
  - Position (FT/PT)
  - Years in role
  - Number of direct reports
  - Title of the person to whom you report
  - Name of the person to whom you report
  - Brief biographical sketch (250 words)
- Confirm permission to submit application

**Project Team Information**
Complete the following template. This form is the location to share pertinent information for all your teammates.
- Use the template found [here](#).
- Follow document naming convention provided below.

**Project Information**
- Project Title (*no more than 12 words*)
- Identify the first-year priority you will be addressing. You have the following theme/subthemes to select from:
  - Competency-Based Education Innovations
    - Execution of competency-based nursing education
    - Assessment and evaluation of competency-based education
  - Nursing Education Innovations Related to Disaster Response (COVID-19)
    - Innovation in nursing academic administration
    - Curriculum re-design innovation
    - Innovative course delivery
- How relevant is this project to nursing knowledge? *(150-word limit)*
- How closely does this project align with the theme for the first year: Innovation and Excellence in Academic Nursing? *(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.*
  o Use the template found [here].
  o Follow document naming convention provided below.

**Commitment Statement**

- Recipients will be responsible for six-month interim reports, which will be due in March 2021 and September 2021.
- Reports/findings will be shared with the AACN membership via website, *Syllabus* newsletter, and social media.
- Scholars will be expected to present at an AACN conference 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 in required. "Last Name_ITEM_Date", example Smith_TEAM_4.22.2020.
- Last Name_PROPOSAL_Date
- Last NameTEAM_Date
- Last NameLTR_SUPPORT_Date
- Last NameBUDGET_Date

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

**Timeline**

The following timeline is set forth for the length of the
- May 7, 2020 - applications open
- August 14, 2020 - applications close
- September 2020 - recipient notified, awarded, and announced
- March 2021 - interim report submission
- September 2021 - final report submission
- October 2021-2022 - planning for sharing reports and findings with AACN membership
Review & Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed and selected by a 12-person committee appointed by the AACN Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified of acceptance in September 2020.

Dispersal of the Grant

Two projects will be selected and awarded a $25,000 faculty scholarship. 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.

Thank you for your interest in this program. When you are prepared to submit your application, please use the button below.

Apply Now

Contact

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