The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Department of Nursing

The Shirley Sohmer Award for Research

2016 Call For Proposals

Purpose: To support nursing staff members who use the research process to improve patient care

Award: A $1,000 grant will be awarded to a team of nurses or individual nurse proposing a research study with the greatest promise for positive impact on patient care. Funds may be used for study-related activities, indirect costs, salary support (with manager approval) and/or conference fees of the study team.

Application Eligibility:

1. Study leader must be a JHH nurse who reports to the Department of Nursing.
2. The study submitted has not been awarded greater than $1,000 from other funding sources.
3. The study leader has not been a Sohmer Award winner during the last three years.
4. The same nurse may submit multiple proposals.
5. Completed research is not eligible.
6. The application must be under 10 typed pages (double-spaced).
7. The work is an original submission, uniquely written to this award application.

Application Procedure:

- Send completed applications to Chelsea Mangione-Blair, Admin 220 or cmangio2@jhmi.edu.

- Submissions must be received no later than September 2, 2016. Applications received after that date will not be considered.

Scoring Criteria:

The JHH Nursing Research Committee will review all proposals. Proposals will be rank ordered by reviewers according to the following criteria:
1. Significance of the problem and its relationship to the Johns Hopkins Nursing Strategic Priorities to be addressed
2. Clear, specific research question
3. Review of literature present, summarized, and synthesized
4. Research study design including sample, instruments/tools, procedures and data analysis
5. Implications of how this study will improve clinical outcomes in a meaningful way
6. Writing is clear, concise, and flows well
7. Proposal addresses potential financial impact of study

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Proposal Guidelines:

1. Proposals submitted for consideration should detail the study in no more than 10 typed pages (double-spaced; 12-pt Times New Roman; 1 inch margins) including tables and graphs. Proposals are to be submitted using APA format with references attached (not included in the 10 pages of proposal text). Nurse-led interprofessional teams are encouraged. Proposals must include the following
   a. Description and significance of the problem
   b. Problem statement and clear, specific research question/study aims
   c. Thorough review, critical analysis and synthesis of literature, including a summary of findings and rationale for the study
   d. Research study design including sample, instruments/tools, procedures and data analysis
   e. Potential to improve patient care and clinical outcomes
   f. Address potential financial impacts of the study (have considered financial outcome, proposal costs and/or return on investment)
2. Proposals with incomplete information or those exceeding the maximum page limit will not be considered. For assistance in proposal development, contact your functional unit representative on the Nursing Research Committee (see below).
3. To facilitate blind review, do not place any identifying information within the proposal itself (ex. unit name, department)
4. All submissions will be recognized in the Nursing Awards Program.
5. Award winner will be expected to present a poster or podium presentation at Nurse Scholars Day, 2017
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For further assistance contact your Nursing Research Committee representative:

Emergency	Cathy Lindauer
GYN-OB	Amy Lee
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