

East Tennessee State University
College of Nursing, Center for Nursing Research
2008-2009 PhD Candidate Research Funding Opportunity

The College of Nursing, through the Center for Nursing Research (CNR), supports the development of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing candidate research within the College. For 2008-09, up to five competitive grants up to \$600 each may be awarded. The number of awards each year is contingent upon the availability of funds returned to the College through indirect cost recovery. Each request will be considered as it is submitted. Projects should be for a one-year time frame; a no-cost extension for one year may be requested with valid rationale.

Purpose:

The purpose of the CNR PhD Candidate award program is to partially fund dissertation research. The funded projects are expected to move the candidate more quickly toward completion of the dissertation, and result in research suitable for scholarly presentation and publication. The awards may be used for supplies, literature searches, instruments, printing, copying, travel related to data collection, external committee member travel or other approved expenditures in the implementation of the research.

Eligible Applicants:

Any PHD candidate may apply for the research grant. The dissertation proposal must be approved by the candidate's dissertation committee prior to application. Funds must be expended within one year of award.

Selection:

Proposals will be reviewed by a four-member ad hoc Research Review Committee and the Director, Center for Nursing Research (ex officio). The committee will be convened as proposals are received.

The criteria for selection are:

1. documentation of dissertation proposal approval by candidate's committee;
2. realistic, well-justified budget;
3. consistent with the mission and goals of the College;
4. description of site of data collection;
5. project can be accomplished within established time frame; and
6. high potential for results that will yield scholarly presentation and publication

Process:

Proposals may be submitted any time during the year. Proposals will be funded as they are approved until available funds are expended.

Advise your dissertation chairperson of your intent to apply. The Proposal Signature Form must be signed by the applicant, dissertation chair, PhD Program Coordinator and Director, Center for Nursing Research. Assurance of support from any data collection site or community partner group via email or letter should also be obtained.

Format for Submission:

Written materials to be submitted include:

1. Proposal (limited to three pages)
 - a. 200 word abstract
 - b. Statement of the problem
 - c. Significance of the project to the mission of the college, the profession, and the health of the population
 - d. Short selected literature review
 - e. Research question/s or hypotheses to be tested
 - f. Methodology
 - i. research design
 - ii. sample description
 - iii. measures
 - iv. data collection procedures
 - v. plan for analysis of data
 - g. Budget (travel, supplies, personnel)
 - h. Reference list (APA format)
2. Biographical Sketch
3. Proposal Signature Form
4. Assurance of support (if applicable)