AORN RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) and the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Research Grant

The mission of SNRS is to advance nursing research through:

- Dissemination and utilization of research findings
- Facilitating the career development of nurses and nursing students as researchers
- Promoting nursing science
- Enhancing communication among members

Founded in 1949, AORN (Association of periOperative Registered Nurses) unites and empowers surgical nurses, health care organizations, and industry to define standardized practice for perioperative professionals. AORN’s motto is: We make surgery safer for every patient, every time.

The purpose of the AORN/ SNRS collaborative grant is to support high-quality research studies that contribute to the development of the science of perioperative nursing. AORN/ SNRS grants promote diversity of research topics and support investigations that demonstrate scientific rigor to advance the field of perioperative nursing. All AORN research grants relate to the AORN Research Priorities. Awards are administered by AORN and SNRS members will participate in the selection of recipients. Allocation of funds is based on the:

- congruence of the research focus with the AORN Research Priorities.
- quality of the grant proposal,
- ability of the applicant to conduct the study, and
- applicant’s justified budget.
Please note: These research grants support research studies only, not quality improvement or evidence-based practice projects. Study findings must be generalizable beyond the sample and setting of the project.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Principal Investigator (PI) is required to be a registered nurse with an unencumbered current license, either working in a perioperative setting or one whose proposed research study focuses on perioperative practice issues.

For the SNRS/AORN Grant, the PI must be a member of SNRS and have a master’s or research focused doctoral degree in nursing.

Applicants are ineligible if:

- PIs who have previously received AORN grant funding are ineligible for additional funding during the lifetime of the original grant award (defined as date of receipt of the grant to closing date of grant).
- Members of the AORN Nursing Research Committee and members of the AORN Board of Directors are ineligible for funding during their term of service.
- They are members of the SNRS Grants Committee or Board of Directors at the time of application.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

1. All applications must be submitted via the online submission system. Additionally, all submitted information must be in English. Applications sent in by other methods (i.e., US Postal Service, email, fax, etc.) will not be reviewed or considered for funding.
2. Late submissions will not be accepted.
3. Applications must adhere to requirements for format, content, length limitations, and necessary supporting materials as outlined in the checklist below. Failure to follow the guidelines for preparation of the grant proposal will result in the application not being reviewed.

Project Narrative

- Use Times New Roman with 12-point font.
- Adhere to stated limit of 2,500 words for the body of the proposal. Proposals that exceed the word limit will not be reviewed.
- The body of the proposal should include the following:
  - Abstract (limited to 250 words or less)
  - Introduction to include:
    - Purpose statement to include a description of how the study is linked to the AORN Research Priorities
▪ Background and relevant literature review
▪ Research questions or hypotheses
▪ Significance of study to perioperative nursing
  o Theoretical or conceptual framework or rationale
  o Methods
  o Design
  o Sampling approach – (to include type, size, recruitment procedures, and retention)
  o Procedures (include data collection plan and protection of human participants’ rights)
  o Instruments, including evidence of measurement reliability and validity (include copy of all instruments in Appendices)
  o Data management and analysis plan
  o Implications for perioperative nursing practice, education, management, and research
  o Plans for dissemination of results

4. Appendices must be uploaded to the proposal application as applicable. Legible scanned copies of requested forms will be accepted. None of the Appendices are included in the word limit for the proposal body. Appendices should include:
   • Budget with justification for each category of expenses, using the AORN Budget Form. Do not include expenses incurred prior to submitting the grant application.
   • Curricula vitae for:
     o the PI,
     o each member of the research team and consultants,
     o faculty advisor, if the proposed study is a student research project
   • IRB approval letter, if the project involves human participants. If IRB approval is pending, funding will be contingent upon applicant providing an IRB approval letter.
   • Letters of support from:
     o any consultants who will be involved in the project, and
     o any other researchers or institutions collaborating with the project, and
     o an administrator of the institution employing the PI or the supervising faculty member if the project is a student research study.
   • Data collection instruments, including scoring instructions
   • Copyright release or permission for use of instruments
   • List of references cited in the body of the proposal
   • Research timetable
   • Any Charts/Tables/Graphs that help illustrate proposal

5. When more than one investigator is listed, the first individual named will be the person with whom AORN will communicate and will be considered the responsible investigator for conduct of the research.

6. A final report will be due 90 days following the end of the 1-year funding period. Dissertations are not accepted as final reports.
7. If a grant is awarded as the result of this application, the applicant becomes the grantee and assumes all legal and financial accountability for the awarded funds and for the performance of grant support activities. Any deliberate withholding, falsification, or misrepresentation of information could result in administrative actions including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of an application.

8. Upon completion of the study, investigators are expected to submit a proposal for either a poster or podium presentation at the AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo or the SNRS Annual Conference.

9. Investigators are expected to submit a manuscript to the AORN Journal or RINAH, the official journal for SNRS upon completion of the study. There is no guarantee that submitted manuscripts will be accepted for publication since both journals are peer reviewed.

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