

Sigma Theta Tau (STT) Zeta Omicron Chapter Call for Proposals

In support of our mission to support research and scholarly activities, the *Zeta Omicron Chapter* of Sigma Theta Tau (STT) is now accepting applications for two \$400 grants that will be awarded to members of the chapter in Spring 2012 through a competitive review process. Proposals are due on February 1st, 2012 by midnight.

The awards are offered in two categories:

- An *Innovative Project Award* will be given to nurses involved in an innovative, unique, or creative project focused on topics of interest to nurses and nursing in Colorado. These awards might focus on enhancing patient care, providing a community service, addressing a professional practice or administrative issue, or the promotion of the applicant's scholarship or professional development.
- A *Research Award* will be awarded to a nursing student enrolled in either an undergraduate or graduate program who is involved in scholarly research activity and is seeking funds for support or partial support of this endeavor.

I. Purpose of the Funds

The *Innovative Project* and *Research Award* funds will support the efforts of outstanding individual nurses in implementing a creative innovation in the delivery of patient care, in addressing nursing-related professional practice issues, promoting scholarship or professional development, and in supporting involvement in research and scholarly activity.

II. Fund Sources

The two awards are provided from the general operating budget of the Zeta Omicron Chapter. Monies have been ear-marked to support nurses in the community who are seeking funds which will allow them to 1) implement a particular project of interest to them, and 2) receive support for expenses associated with implementing an individual research project or research conducted as part of a mentor's larger program of research.

III. Project Completion

Expenditure of the funds and project completion is expected by one year from the date the award is awarded to the recipient.

IV. Eligibility

Members of Zeta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

V. Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed in a competitive process by a committee of chapter members. Selection will be based on 1) the merits of the proposed projects and potential contributions to the profession, 2) the quality of the written proposals, and 3) indications of support for the proposed activity by a nursing colleague, supervisor, or faculty advisor. Only proposals with complete contact information and complete proposal narrative will be considered.

VI. Application Process

For both the [Innovative Project](#) and [Research Award](#), submit the completed application contact sheet and no more than a 2-page, single-spaced written statement of the proposed project. Include in the narrative specific plans for your involvement and justification for expenditures for the funds requested.

A. Innovative Project Information

1. Applicant Information sheet:
 - Complete all requested contact information.
 - Include a short statement from a nursing colleague, supervisor, or faculty advisor about how the proposed project will enhance patient care, provide a community service, address a professional practice or administrative issue, or promote the applicant's scholarship or professional development and the feasibility of project completion.
2. Proposal Narrative: The description of the request for funding of an ***Innovative Project*** should include a short description of the following listed under the headings indicated:
 - Name and purpose of the project
 - Target audience or recipient(s)
 - Rationale or need for the innovative project
 - Budget and brief justification of proposed expenditures
 - Timeline for use of requested funds
 - Expected contribution(s) to the nurse's professional development or profession

B. Research Award Information

1. Applicant Information sheet:
 - Complete all requested contact information.
 - Include a short statement from a nursing colleague, supervisor, or faculty advisor about the value of and feasibility of conducting and completing the proposed project.
2. Proposal Narrative: The description of the request for funding for a Research Award should include a short description of the following listed under the headings indicated:
 - Name, purpose of the project, and intended sample
 - Brief description of the applicant's planned involvement (primary investigator, collaboration on a larger on-going study, funding of part of a planned thesis or dissertation, etc.)
 - Research question(s) or hypothesis(es)
 - Methodology (qualitative, quantitative; descriptive, correlational, or comparative)
 - Brief description of tool or data to be collected
 - Budget and brief justification of proposed expenditures
 - Timeline for use of requested funds
 - Expected contribution(s) to the nurse's professional development or profession

Submit ALL materials by regular mail, FAX, or e-mail dated by [Midnight Feb. 1, 2012](#) to:
STT Awards, Gunter Hall Campus Box 125, UNC School of Nursing, Greeley, CO 80639
FAX: 970-351-1707, For questions, call 970-351-2293