

Sigma Theta Tau International

Zeta Theta Chapter-At-Large

Call for 2016 Applications for Alice Manion Research Grant Award

Purpose

The purpose of the Alice Manion Research Grant Award is to provide financial support for active (paid) Zeta Theta Tau nurse members to conduct research. The Alice Manion Research Grant Award is applicable for individual research, collaborative practice/educational research, or interdisciplinary research. The grant award is intended to support original research projects that will result in publication and/or dissemination of findings at professional venues (STTI Chapter Key Award criteria). Any instruments or modules resulting from the research are expected to be made available for free educational use. This grant is not intended for research projects that will be affiliated with an industry sponsor and is not intended to result in an exclusive for-profit commercial benefit with a specific institution. The Research Grant Award cannot be used for travel, capital improvements, or salaries for investigators or project managers. Award recipients are expected to present their research results at the annual Zeta Theta Tau Research Program one year post reward.

It is permissible for multiple applicants to apply for the Alice Manion Research Grant at the same time for the same project. For collaborative projects, each investigator who is an active (paid) member of Zeta Theta Tau may submit an Alice Manion Research Grant application for the same project.

Maximum Research Grant Award

The maximum research grant award is \$1500 per individual applicant, however funding could be less based upon committee decision and number of requests made for the same project. There is a yearly maximum of \$5000 total inclusive of all applications for the Alice Manion Research Grant Award and the preference will be to award funds to a variety of outstanding applicants and projects first.

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2016 and October 1, 2016

Award Review: 4-6 weeks post deadline submission by Research & Scholarship Committee, then recommendations will be presented to the Zeta Theta Tau Board. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and will be returned.

Award Criteria: Use of a standardized checklist and committee discussion of overall proposal

Award Notification: 2 weeks after final decision by Zeta Theta Tau Board Member vote

Submission Requirements

1. Research proposal to include:
 - a. Abstract, limit of 500 words
 - b. Title page with principle investigator and co-investigator(s) name, degrees, and institutional affiliations. Must provide any disclosures of conflicts of interests by any of the investigators.
 - i. One of the investigators must be a currently active (paid) member of Zeta Theta Tau who will be the corresponding investigator applying for the grant.
 - ii. This individual will be responsible for providing documentation to Zeta Theta Tau of how funds were dispersed with receipts and will be responsible for presenting findings at the annual Research Program one year post award.
 - c. Written Research Protocol Elements
 - i. Purpose of the research/Research question(s)
 - ii. Significance/background
 - iii. Concise review of literature
 - iv. Measurable objectives specific to outcomes the research is designed to answer
 - v. Concise description of methodology including study design, setting, population, level of evidence, any treatment assignments for interventional studies, inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - vi. Power analysis/Justification of number of subjects
 - vii. Planned data analysis
 - d. Variables – Must include copies of any data collection instruments or other pertinent materials as appendices for committee review
 - e. Detailed budget justification
 - f. Copy of Institutional Review Board Approval or description of which institution will provide IRB approval and when IRB approval will be obtained. No funds will be released until written proof of IRB approval has been received by the Research and Scholarship Committee
 - g. References
 - h. Must be double-spaced with font size of 12.
2. Each investigator must submit a current resume or curriculum vita with complete work and home contact information

3. Email all application materials to Julie_Stausmire@mercy.com stating Zeta Theta Research Grant in subject line of email.

Award Selection Criteria

1. Significance of problem
2. Concise literature review
3. Appropriate research question(s) with measurable objectives
4. Adequacy of research method
5. Appropriate data collection tools
6. Statistical plan
7. IRB Status
8. Budget justification
9. Current references
10. Creativity
11. Ability of applicant to conduct and complete the research
12. Potential impact of research
13. Overall format and organization

Review Process:

1. All materials will be reviewed by the Research and Scholarship Committee using a standardized checklist within 4-6 weeks after deadline. All names and identifiers will be removed from the documents by the chair prior to committee review.
2. Any committee member who may have a conflict of interest will be asked to recuse themselves from voting. However they may participate in the verbal discussion.
3. The committee will make a recommendation for the proposal to the Zeta Theta Board at the next general board meeting or by written communication/vote.
4. The committee chair will send written notification of the final decision and justification for any budget item denials to the corresponding investigator, board members, and the Research and Scholarship Committee members within 2 weeks of the final decision to maintain transparency and consistency in communication.

Questions

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