

Call for INACSL “Debra Spunt” RESEARCH MINI-GRANT - 2012

Introduction

The International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning invites proposal submissions to conduct investigations on issues relevant in Nursing Practice and Nursing Education. Our goal is to fund research on a variety of issues related to simulation and other areas of member interest.

The INACSL “Debra Spunt” Research Mini-Grant program is designed to encourage growth and development of novice researchers among the INACSL membership. Priority will be given to new mini-grant applicants. The program will support basic and applied research activities that are motivated by an effort to discover new ideas, knowledge, and applications. One annual competitive review will result in the awarding of two mini-grants of \$500 each.

Eligibility

Only INACSL members will be funded by this grant to support their research endeavors. A member is only eligible for one mini-grant award. The INACSL member can be the primary investigator or part of a team of researchers. If the INACSL member is part of a team, the INACSL member submitting the request, must be a key person on the research team, is responsible for the reporting, and follow through (see Reporting Requirements).

Application Procedure

Applicants will electronically submit four (4) documents consisting of the proposal outlining the research project and budget, a curriculum vita describing professional qualifications, a letter of support, and Qualifications and Contact Information form. Please attach all of the required grant proposal materials to one email. Email your documents to the Research Advisor for the INACSL board, Patricia Ravert (patricia_ravert@byu.edu) by 5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time) on Friday, March 2, 2012.

The 3-page proposal should provide a clear and complete narrative account of the research project. It should include what is to be done, why, and how. The proposal should address the innovative nature of the research. A fourth page detailing the budget should be included.

The submission should include four (4) documents:

1. **Proposal which includes the following**
 - a. **Title Page** (1-page)

- b. **Proposal** (3-page) with sections identified by headings-
 - **Abstract** – This is a summary including the background of the proposed project. Include any previous experience you have had with the topic.
 - **Significance** – Include one paragraph describing the need your project will address. Identify the benefits to the nursing community.
 - **Question and/or hypothesis** – Identify the research question or proposition you hope to address with your study.
 - **Methodology** – Describe your research design, data collection and analysis procedures. Include a description of your sample, limitations of the study, and co-researcher participants.
 - **Outcomes** – List the changes that can be expected if your study is approved.
 - **Evaluation** - Describe the process by which you will evaluate the outcomes stated above.
 - **Project Description and Timeline** – Include a timeline of the project from its inception through to its completion.
- c. **Budget** –1-page addressing all items needed to complete the study and how the mini-grant funding will be utilized.
- d. **References** – Pertinent references to support proposal.
2. **Completed qualifications and contact information form:** Completed form should not exceed two pages in length – Qualifications and Contact Information Form.
3. **Supervisory Support** – Attach a letter of support from your immediate supervisor to help assure that your project will progress according to the timeline in the proposal.
4. **Curriculum Vitae – 6-page maximum (may be single spaced)**

CV GUIDELINES

CV file size is limited to 1 MB per document maximum. CVs exceeding file size limits will not be accepted.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Courses taught, theses/dissertations supervised, extensive job descriptions, institutional committees, publications in process, or continuing education.

INCLUDE ONLY THE FOLLOWING: Employment history, educational history, publications, research with dollar amounts, awards and honors, professional activities and community service, selected presentations, and other activities that demonstrate sustained contributions.

1. Each category should be organized starting with most recent activities.
2. For lengthy careers the relevant activities and accomplishments should be highlighted, or the candidate may specify that the CV provides detail for only the last 10 years with abbreviated references to prior time spans.

Selection Criteria

The selection committee will consider all proposals to be evaluated according to the criteria shown on the attached Evaluation Sheet.

- Contribution to relevant nursing issues and the professional literature that enhances the state-of the-science in this area of research and teaching.
- Technical merit-- Is project feasible, reasonable, doable?
- Likelihood of timely completion of the project
- Cost-effectiveness
- Consistency with INACSL's mission.

2012 Mini-Grant submission deadline

The selection committee will consider all proposals received by Friday, March 2, 2012 at 5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

2012 Notification deadline

The selection committee will respond to all proposals sent by Friday, May 4, 2012 at 5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Reporting Requirements

Mini-grant awardees are required to submit a progress report once per quarter to the Research Advisor. This report can be an email providing a brief update on the status of the project. In addition, mini-grant awardees are required to submit at the next INACSL conference (after completion), a podium or poster presentation that summarizes their research results, **and/or**, to submit a research report to the editor of the next INACSL online journal.

Dispersal of Funds

Fifty percent of the funds shall be dispersed upon acceptance of the grant. The balance of the funds will be dispersed when the completed project has been submitted to the next INACSL conference Call-for-Abstracts as a podium or poster presentation and/or manuscript for the INACSL journal. Evidence of abstract or manuscript submission is required for funding dispersion.