

Ruth A. Nicholson Research Grant

Amount of Award:

\$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars)

Purpose of the Award:

To encourage and support nursing research in South Carolina through recognition of new or experienced nurse researchers.

Screening Criteria:

1. The research proposal is realistic and can be carried out by the researcher.
2. The research findings have the potential for contributing to the body of knowledge that affects nursing practice.
3. The research proposal has received approval from the institution or clinical setting where research will take place, if applicable.
4. The researcher is currently practicing nursing in South Carolina or intends to practice in South Carolina within a year.
5. The researcher has contributed to the practice of nursing through professional activities.

Proposed Criteria:

1. Purpose is clearly stated.
2. A significant problem is identified.
3. Outcomes are applicable to current nursing practice.
4. Objectives/hypothesis is stated in measurable terms.
5. Review of literature supports the research design.
6. Research design is appropriate, including a realistic timetable.
7. Subject and sampling methods are appropriate.
8. Standards for protection of human subjects are met.
9. Variables are defined and controls are realistic.
10. Data Collection:
 - (a) Methods and procedures are described and adequate.
 - (b) Analysis is consistent with study objectives and design.

Process for Review of Proposals:

1. Applications will be submitted to the SCNF Awards Committee.
2. Applications will be screened for basic criteria.
3. Applications will be sent to 3 nurse researchers who will review and rate the proposal according to the established criteria.
4. Applications will be ranked and returned to the SCNF Awards Committee for final selection.

Timetable

Applications are to be returned to SCNF by May 31, 2006.

Applications sent to research review committee by June 15, 2006 and returned to the SCNF Awards Committee by July 15, 2006.

Awards Committee makes final decision no later than August 15, 2006.

Research Award recipient will be recognized at the SCNA / Annual Meeting in Fall 2006.