Funding Nursing Research & Evidenced-Based Practice Projects During Fiscally Lean Times

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Why do you need funding?

- Conduct research
- Evidenced based practice
- Conduct research
- Buy capital equipment
- Construction
- Hire people
- Education
Sources of Funding

- Foundations
- Government
  - Local
  - State
  - Federal
  - International
- Quasi-government agencies
- Professional associations
Key Questions

• *What are you looking to fund?*
  • Be specific about your project

• *How much funding do you need?*

• *Why fund your project?*
  • So what?
  • *What is your expertise?*

• *What organizations fund this type of project?*
**Inductive**
*Bottom Up*

- You have a plan for a project and look for a source of money.

**Deductive**
*Top Down*

- You see existing opportunities for funding and develop an idea or need for which you apply for the funding.
- A funder approaches a potential grant recipient and invites the organization to apply for funding.
Foundations

- Funding for programs / conferences
- Research Grants
  - General research grants
    Topics: prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality
  - Prematurity Research Initiative
    Grant support for projects related to causes of prematurity.
  - Basil O’Connor Starter Scholar Research Awards
    funded in a program specifically designed to support scientists just embarking on their independent research careers.

http://www.marchofdimes.com/research/researchgrants.html
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- Projects in the United States and U.S. territories...advanc(ing) improv(ng) the health and health care of all Americans.

- Public agencies, universities and public charities that are tax-exempt 501 (c)(3).

Types of Projects We Fund

We aim to fund innovative projects that can have measurable impact and can create meaningful, transformative change, such as:

- service demonstrations
- gathering and monitoring of health-related statistics
- public education
- training and fellowship programs
- policy analysis
- health services research
- technical assistance
- communications activities
- evaluations.
Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program

• A leadership development program designed to prepare a select cadre of registered nurses (R.N.s) who are in senior executive positions for influential roles in shaping the U.S. health care system of the future.

http://www.executivenursefellows.org/
United States Program
- Pacific Northwest Community Grants

Global Health
- Diarrhea & Enteric Diseases
- HIV / AIDS
- Malaria
- Maternal / Newborn / Child Health
- Neglected Diseases
- Nutrition
- Pneumonia & Flu
- Polio
- Tuberculosis
- Tuberculosis
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases

- Grants available to 501(C) 3 tax exempt organizations, not individuals
- Specific call for proposals

http://www.gatesfoundation.org/grantseeker/pages/overview.aspx
National Institutes of Health

- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_basics.htm
- Commitment to new investigators (within 10 years of a terminal doctoral degree)
- Fund about 23% of submitted RO1s
- Symptom Management
- Alzheimer’s Disease & Cognitive Impairment
- End of Life & Palliative Care
NIH Grant Recipients:
Joyce Anastasi PhD, RN, DrNP, FAAN, LAc
Bernadette Capili, DNSc, APRN, NP-C

NYU College of Nursing

- Complementary Alternative Medicine & Acupuncture
- HIV Symptom Management
- Nutritional Supplements
Hand Hygiene

Elaine Larson PhD, RN

Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Research, Columbia University School of Nursing and Professor of Epidemiology, Columbia University School of Public Health.

Her NIH research funding within the past 5 years includes three R01s and Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Research to Reduce Antimicrobial Resistance

(http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/nursing/CIRAR/).
• Health Professions | HIV/AIDS | Maternal & Child Health | Office of the Administrator | Primary Health Care/Health Centers | Rural Health | Healthcare Systems | Organ Donation
How did I get the grant?

• Had a need for $$

• Worked with Development & Government Affairs

• Identified HRSA opportunity as earmarked funds

• Reviewed HRSA requirements online

• Made a case for the need
Went to Washington, D.C.

- Government affairs made appointments at 11 Congressional offices.
- Started with breakfast with the hospital’s Congresswoman.
- Went armed with a photo album of the deplorable conditions in the hospital, requiring renovation.
- Accompanied by an MD colleague, good at PR, and the government affairs officer.
- Goal: to get letters of support for the ear marked funds from each office?
Memorable Experiences
Follow-up

• Hosted congressional staffers for a tour of the hospital & lunch
Writing the Grant

- Read the application
- Answer the questions
- Get advice
- Get all the supporting documents
- Keep copies of everything
$uccess Begets $uccess

- 2 subsequent grants to support the hospital’s renovation
- Won a “Green Award” for environmentally friendly construction
  “Against all odds in NYC”
Grants & Philanthropy

- Grants can provide seed money
- Philanthropy and organizational support can follow

The Mount Sinai Children’s Center Foundation

The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation
Philanthropy

• What’s the #1 method of raising money?
  • Ask for it.

• Other sources
  • Event planning
    • Women’s Health: Fashion Shows
    • Children’s: Circus
    • Giving Breakfast
    • Cocktail Parties
Small Research Grants

- Professional Organization to which you belong
  - Sigma Theta Tau
  - AONE
  - AWHONN
  - AORN
  - American Association of Critical Care Nurses

- Pharmaceutical / Health Care Companies
  - Focused projects
  - Unrestricted grants
June 1st Grant Application Deadline
• National League for Nursing Grant
• Omnicron Delta Research Grant

July 1st Grant Application Deadline
• Joan K. Stout RN, Research Grant*
• Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science
• Educational Assessment Nursing Research Grant
• Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant- (available in 2013)
• Hill-Rom Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Research Grant
• CAE Healthcare METI Simulation in Nursing Research Grant
• National Gerontological Nursing Association Research Grant

October 1st Grant Deadline
• Oncology Nursing Society
• American Assoc. of Critical Care Nurses
• American Assoc. of Diabetes Educators

December 1st
• Small Grants (10-15 awarded annually) *
  • Doris Bloch Research Award *
  • Rosemary Berkel Crisp Research Award
  • Virginia Henderson Clinical Research Grant (2013)
  • Alpha Eta Collaborative Research Grant
  • Western Institute of Nursing Research Grant

February 1st Grant
• Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation Grant

March 1st March Grant Application Deadline:
• Emergency Nurses Association Foundation Grant

April 1st Grant Application Deadline:
• Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
• Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses
  • Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End-of-Life Nursing Care Research
  • Midwest Nursing Research Society Research
  • Southern Nursing Research Society Research Grant

• 1 May Grant Application Deadline:
  • American Nurses’ Foundation Grant

* Sigma Theta Tau International Sponsored Grants. All other grants are co-sponsored by the association listed.
Evidenced Based Practice Projects

- Late Preterm Infants Initiative
- Cyclic Pelvic Pain and Discomfort Management
- Neonatal Skin Care
- Continence for Women
- Management of Women in the Second Stage of Labor
- Transition of the Preterm Infant to an Open Crib

Research Grants

- Hill-Rom, Celeste Phillips Family-Centered Maternity Care Award $10,000
- March of Dimes Comerford Freda "Saving Babies, Together®"Award $9,000
- AWHONN Novice Researcher Award $5,000
- AWHONN – Women in Technology (past) $10,000
Sigma Theta Tau International / Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses

- **Purpose:**
  
  To encourage qualified nurses to conduct research related to perioperative nursing practice and contribute to the development of perioperative nursing science. All relevant research topics will be considered although priority will be given to research studies that relate to the AORN research priorities:

  - Perioperative nursing care that contributes to quality, cost-effective patient outcomes related to safety, physiological integrity and behavioral responses;
  
  - Validation, testing and refinement of the Perioperative Nursing Data Set;
  
  - Evidence based practice;
  
  - Perioperative nursing leadership/management (i.e. recruitment/retention, resource management, effective teams);
  
  - Health and safety issues affecting perioperative nurses and patients.
• Award: The one-year award is for $20,000 per year

• The fellow receives up to $18,000 to cover research related expenses. The mentor or the mentor’s institution will receive a $2,000 award in the form of an unrestricted honorarium to cover the mentor’s consultative or research-related expenses and/or other institutional costs.

• Purpose: To support short-term oncology research training and mentorship.

• Eligibility: Research Career Development Awards are available for beginning researchers. A beginning researcher is within eight years of completing a terminal degree, or within five years of initiating independent research within a field of inquiry and has not received independent extramural funding in the area of interest.

• The applicant must be a registered nurse with an interest in oncology and with a completed PhD/DNSc degree in nursing or a related discipline.
Research Seed Grants

• Grants of $3000 to $8000 will support research projects related to nursing administration practice:
  • Workforce
  • Work environment
  • Leadership development
  • Technology / informatics
  • Health systems
  • Patient safety and
  • Evidence-based management practices.

• Relatively open topics within their areas of interest.

• Recipients must present their findings at the AONE conference.
• Obesity Prevention in Pediatric Health Care Settings

• A Systems Approach for Reducing the Burden of Asthma in New York State

• Patient Education Center
  • $1 M
The Troy Alkman / Garth Brooks Foundation

The Zone

$3-5 M
Next Steps

- Identify a need
- Make a clear problem statement / goal
- Explore small grants from professional organizations to which you belong
- Think of ideas to meet current RFPs
- Don’t be afraid to “ask”
- Don’t be afraid to “write”
- If you want a career in research, “hitch your wagon to a rising star”