

## **GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER AT-LARGE RESEARCH AWARDS**

### **NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

The purpose of this award is to assist any Sigma Theta Tau member who is learning to conduct research to advance knowledge in the area of nursing science. Master's thesis and doctoral dissertation research projects will be considered. The award is intended for a first research endeavor. The amount of this award can be up to \$2000.

### **GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER AT-LARGE RESEARCH GRANT**

The purpose of this award is to assist any Gamma Omicron Chapter at-Large member who is willing to contribute to advance knowledge in the area of nursing science. The award is intended for any nurse researcher regardless of previous funding. The amount of this award can be up to \$2000.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS FOR NEW INVESTIGATOR AND GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER AT-LARGE AWARDS**

1. Submit application and a written research proposal according to the guidelines (see below). Data collection may be in process.
2. Submit a signed formal agreement for money usage and public report findings. It is anticipated that the award funds would be used within one year of the award date.
3. The awards are given annually. The date for submission of material will be announced each spring.
4. The application form and agreement form can be obtained from the Office of Research in the College of Nursing, MUSC.
5. The amount of the award will be determined by the amount of funds requested and the number of requests.
6. The awards will be made at the chapter's annual business meeting each spring.
7. Recipients will acknowledge the support of Gamma Omicron Chapter At-Large in all manuscripts, podium presentations, posters, and/or other media related to the funded project. Recipients will be asked to present the completed project to the chapter membership following the completion of the project.

## **GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

### **Proposal Outline**

The following areas are to be included in a proposal. American Psychological Association style of documentation is preferred. Parts I through IV should be a maximum of 10 pages.

### **Part I. Title and Abstract**

A title page and 100-word abstract are to accompany the proposal. The abstract should include the hypothesis or research question, the specific variables and their measurements, the population and sample description, and a statement of the design and analysis.

### **Part II. Proposal Outline**

Include the following:

- A. Design of study
- B. Statement of the problem
- C. Significance of study to nursing science
- D. Conceptual or theoretical framework
- E. Research questions and hypotheses, if applicable
- F. Definition of variables
- G. Instrument(s) reliability and validity (as appropriate to design)
- H. Ethical considerations
- I. Data collection procedure
- J. Sample size, and sampling procedure
- K. Data analysis plan

### **Part III. References**

### **Part IV. Budget**

Detail the amount requested for the following:

- 1) personnel
- 2) supplies or equipment
- 3) travel
- 4) other expenses

### **Part V. Appendices**

- A. Instruments or interview schedule
- B. Investigator(s) curriculum vitae (maximum of 3 pages)
- C. Other relevant materials

## **RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD**

This award was created to acknowledge a Gamma Omicron Chapter At-Large member whose scholarly work fulfills the goals of Sigma Theta Tau, International. Self-nomination or nomination of another will be accepted. It is anticipated that the award will be used for future research endeavors. The amount of this award is \$250 and is given annually.

### **NOMINATION PROCESS FOR RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD**

The nomination includes a letter which summarizes the individual's significant research accomplishments and addresses the value of the research to current health practice, the profession of nursing, and the advancement of nursing science. A curriculum vitae of the nominee must also be included. The date for nomination submission will be announced in the spring.

**All materials for any of the research awards needed to be submitted to:**

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