



ENA Foundation & Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. Research Grant



2020 APPLICATION INFORMATION

Welcome to the ENA Foundation research grant program. The ENA Foundation was established in 1991 by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) as a charitable organization to assist emergency nurses. The mission of the Foundation is to provide educational scholarships and research grants in the discipline of emergency nursing.

The ENA Foundation and Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. (Sigma) have combined resources to offer this annual research grant. This research grant provides funding for research that will advance the specialized practice of emergency nursing. All relevant research topics will be considered. Priority will be given to research studies relating to the Emergency Nurses Association research initiatives.

Application Deadline:	March 30, 2020
Maximum Amount Awarded:	Up to \$6,000
Recipient Notification:	May 30, 2020
Final Report due:	September 1, 2021

Eligibility Criteria: The principal investigator must:

- Be a registered nurse with a master's degree. Team members may be from other disciplines or nurses without master's degrees.
- Be ready to or have already started the research project
- At least one applicant should have previous research experience and knowledge of the research process
- The current members of the ENA Board of Directors, ENA Foundation Board of Trustees, Sigma Theta Tau International and Sigma Foundation for Nursing board members, ENA Foundation Research Grant Selection Committee as well as the individuals that have served in such positions in the immediate past three (3) years and the spouses and children* of all such individuals are ineligible to apply for a scholarship.

**For purposes of eligibility, "children" are defined as natural, legally adopted, stepchildren or grandchildren.*

Funding: This research grant is co-funded by the ENA Foundation and Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. (Sigma). Funds are not available for: completed research, development of a research proposal, investigator salary, travel expenses, conference registration, indirect costs, computer equipment and other technological devices, software, fax machine expenses, etc.. An itemized budget and budget justification must accompany each grant proposal.

Preference will be given to applicants who are members of both ENA and Sigma. Preference will also be given to research topics relating to the research initiatives listed below.

Research Initiatives:

- Mechanisms to assure effective, efficient and quality emergency nursing care delivery systems
- Effective and efficient outcomes of emergency nursing services and procedures
- Factors affecting emergency nursing practice
- Influence of health care technologies, facilities and equipment on emergency nursing practice
- Factors affecting health care cost, productivity and market forces to emergency services
- Ways to enhance health promotion and injury prevention

- Method for handling complex ethical issues related to emergency nursing care
- Mechanisms to assure quality and cost-effective educational programs for emergency nursing

Application Procedure:

- Applications must be submitted through the online system at <https://ena.smapply.io/>. An account must be created with SurveyMonkey Apply in order to submit an application. All accompanying materials must also be submitted via SurveyMonkey Apply as PDF documents.
- Applications must include:
 - signed and dated application form
 - names and qualifications of co-investigators (if applicable)
 - biographical sketch
 - project narrative
 - study budget and budget justification
- All questions must be answered. Incomplete applications cannot be submitted for review.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a completed application and all supporting materials by the posted deadline. Please submit only completed applications via the ENA Foundation SurveyMonkey Apply system by March 30, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time). **Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**

Review Process:

- All completed applications will be submitted for review by a designated review panel
- Allocation of funds is based on the quality of the research proposal and researcher qualifications
- Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision after the notification deadline
- Resubmission of applications will be accepted upon receipt of a completed proposal including any revisions suggested by the review panel
- Duplicate funding is not permissible. However, supplemental funding from other organizations is permissible, as long as funds are not used to pay for the same item twice.
- IRB approval must be on file with the ENA Foundation prior to the awarding of monies. If IRB does not exist at the institution, the ENA Foundation reserves the right to protect such interests.
- If an investigator leaves the institution, the ENA Foundation must be notified in writing
- If the study is not completed, any unused funds must be returned to the ENA Foundation unless there is a clear plan to continue the study. This plan must be submitted in writing to ENA Foundation.
- The final \$500 of the grant award will be disbursed, if owed, after the final report has been submitted to the ENA Foundation. The final report must be submitted 60 days following the 12-month grant funding period.

Reports and Publications:

- **Mention of the funding source “ENA Foundation and Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. (Sigma)” is required in all publications and presentations**
- A copy of any publications based on this work must be submitted to the ENA Foundation
- The investigator is required to give the right of first refusal to the *Journal of Emergency Nursing* for publication of the research. The investigator is encouraged to submit for abstract poster presentations at the ENA Annual Meeting. Please forward a copy of any articles, presentations and published information regarding the study to the ENA Foundation at the ENA national office.
- If a recipient changes affiliation, ceases research in the field for which the grant was made, or if the primary investigator changes, the remaining recipients must submit a report indicating a plan for continuation of the research. The ENA Foundation will then determine if funding will continue to be provided.

Proposal Guidelines:

- Proposal Narrative
 - Specific aims/hypothesis/research questions
 - Significance to nursing in emergency care areas
 - Rationale supporting need for study

- Framework for the study
- Methods (design, subjects, setting, instruments with validity and reliability, procedures, data analysis, time frame of project)
- Conclusions and implications
- Appendices – including those applicable; if instruments are used, they must be included.
 - CV or resume
 - Instruments/Questionnaires
 - Institutional Review Board approval (when available)
 - Mentor, preceptor, consultant information
 - Letters of support

Recommendations for Consultation: If you are not an experienced researcher, but you are interested in conducting nursing research in emergency care areas, it is strongly advised that you seek consultation from a nursing research expert in your local area. In addition, before completing an application, it is strongly suggested that all applicants review the ENA Research guide “Developing and Submitting a Research Grant Proposal” in the ENA Foundation SurveyMonkey Apply site. This guide will instruct you on how to complete a qualified grant application.

Questions? Please contact the ENA Foundation at 847.460.4100 or ena.foundation@ena.org.