



ENA Foundation Research Grant 2024 Application Guidelines

2024 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Welcome to the ENA Foundation Research Grant program. The goals of the grant are to 1) facilitate innovative, high-quality research that can advance emergency nursing; 2) foster development of novel methods that can advance the state of research in this area; and 3) support new partnerships between researchers in relevant disciplines.

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| Submission deadline: | August 9, 2024 |
| Number of Implementation Grants: | 1 |
| Amount awarded: | \$30,000 |
| Recipient notification: | Mid-October 2024 |
| Final report due: | On or before December 1, 2025 |

Eligibility Criteria:

Applications will be accepted from emergency nurses who:

- Currently serve in an emergency department role.
- Submit a complete application with signed research agreement.
- Are ready to start or have already started the research project.
- Are working with at least one team member with previous research experience and knowledge of the research process if submitting with a research group.
- Do not serve as a member of the ENA Board of Directors, ENA Foundation Board of Trustees, ENA Foundation grant review team, Sigma Theta Tau International, Sigma Foundation for Nursing board nor be an individual who has served in such a role in the immediate past three (3) years. Spouses and children* of all such individuals are ineligible to apply.
- Be a current ENA member or at least one (1) year.

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

Funding:

This research grant is funded by the ENA Foundation. Funds are not available for: completed research, development of a research proposal, investigator salary, travel expenses, indirect costs, computer hardware, software, or fax machine expenses. A brief study budget explaining the usage of funds requested must accompany each grant proposal.

Research Initiatives:

The ENA Foundation updated the list of research initiatives with the goals of revamping the structure of the research being conducted that affects emergency nursing practice methods and bringing the most relevant topics to the forefront. The ENA Foundation Research Grant may address multiple clinical problems, but priority will be given to research projects that address initiatives relating to:

- Boarding (boarded patient care guidelines, throughput, ED crowding/overcrowding)
- Workplace violence prevention/intervention strategies
- Nurse wellbeing (burnout, healthy work environment, total worker health, etc.)
- Appropriate use of the ED and/or public education on when to use the ED
- New graduates in the ED and/or training new graduate nurses and length of orientation
- Mental health care/behavioral health (adult and pediatric)
- Disaster training
- DEI – diversity, equity, inclusion/bias and discrimination

Application Procedure:

- All questions must be answered. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review. Unless indicated otherwise, attaching curriculum vitae (CV) or resume in place of filling in blanks is not acceptable.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a signed and completed application and all supporting materials by the posted deadline. Additional materials received after the posted deadline will not be included with the application. 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
- Applications must be submitted through the ENA Foundation's online applications system: apply.ena.org.
- Applications must be submitted by noon Central time, **August 9**.
- Applicants will receive an e-mail from the ENA Foundation acknowledging receipt of the application.

Review Process:

- All completed applications will be submitted for and reviewed by a designated research review team.
- Allocation of funds is based on the quality of the research proposal and researcher qualifications.
- Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by 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 acceptable if funds are not used to pay for the same item twice.
- IRB approval must be on file with the ENA Foundation prior to the issuing of funds. If an IRB does not exist at the institution, the ENA Foundation reserves the right to protect such interests.
- The ENA Foundation must be notified in writing (review Reports/Publications) if a principal investigator's employer changes during the funding period.
- 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.
- Final report must be submitted 60 days following the 12-month grant funding period.

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** which provides tips on how to complete a qualified grant application.

Reports and Publications:

- **Mention of the funding source "ENA Foundation" 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. Investigator is encouraged to submit for abstract poster presentations at the ENA Annual Conference. Please forward a copy of any articles, presentations and published information regarding the study to the ENA Foundation at ENA Headquarters in Schaumburg, IL.
- All discoveries resulting from work supported in part by this award should be made available to the public and scientific community through approved scientific channels such as national meetings and peer-reviewed publications. Publications will acknowledge the support of ENA Foundation. Two reprints of each publication should be sent to ENA Foundation.

Proposal Guidelines

- 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.

- Progress and Final Reports:
 - The awardee is required to submit to the ENA Foundation a six-month narrative progress report and a final narrative report at the end of the performance period. Failure to provide the reports may negatively impact your institution's ability to apply for future awards. If the awardee's project is not completed at the end of the designated performance period, and appropriate approvals to continue have been granted, the final report must still be submitted as an outline of work done and projections for work/expenditures remaining.
- Proposal Narrative should include the following:
 - Specific aims/hypothesis/research questions
 - Significance to nursing in emergency care areas
 - Rationale supporting need for study
 - Review of research literature
 - Framework for the Study
 - Methods (design, subjects, setting, instruments with validity and reliability, procedures, data analysis, time frame of project)
 - Conclusions and Implications
- Appendices should include the following:
 - CV or NIH biographical sketch
 - NIH Budget Form
 - Instruments/questionnaires
 - Institutional Review Board approval (when available)
 - Mentor, preceptor, and consultant information
 - Letters of support
 - Instruments (if applicable)

Questions? Please direct any questions to the ENA Foundation at 847-460-4100 or ena.foundation@ena.org.