Philosophy of Nursing (PhD) Oral Proposal/Dissertation Fellowship Guidelines

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The doctoral practicum focuses on the students’ development of selected research skills in collaboration with their Sponsor/Advisor or when appropriate a Research Practicum Mentor (researcher, clinician or educator) who is conducting ongoing research. Each student has the opportunity to design a practicum experience that complements prior research experience and is tailored to his or her current learning needs. The array of activities may include, but are not limited to helping to develop a research proposal, (other than one’s own) and/or submitting such a proposal as part of a grant application, preparing a protocol for submission to the institutional review board, assisting with recruitment or data collection for ongoing investigation, learning data management skills, participating in performance of laboratory procedures, participating in research team meetings, conducting literature searches for ongoing research projects and preparing abstracts and/or manuscripts for presentation and publication.

The research process is complex, and coursework provides the student only with a theoretical understanding of that process. The integration of research concepts and their applications, however, can only be achieved through practical experience. The research practicum provides the student with a chance to experience the research process on a day-to-day basis and helps the student to integrate and apply theoretical knowledge.

The mission of the Nursing Oral Proposal Dissertation Fellowship is assist Doctoral students with financial support among Ph.D. students by: (a) providing incentives for students to model and meet, early in their careers, the requirements for succeeding in the competition for funds by clearly defining a problem, a project, and a realistic budget; (b) providing an occasion for faculty-student mentoring relationships that are oriented around the concrete problems of proposing, planning for, and executing research; and (c) furthering student professional progress by providing funds for pre-doctoral research publications, presentations, and professional networking. Applicants may submit a budget between $250 and $1,500. However, keep in mind that the requested amount is based on the programs budget.

Eligibility

- Doctoral students in good standing in their 2nd to 6th year at The Graduate Center
- Pass First/Second Exam
- Students must plan to register or defend their dissertation for upcoming semester
- Completed all required course work with an overall grade average of at least “B”
- No open grades of “INC,” “INP,” “ABS,” and “ABP”

Review process

- Proposals will be determined by the Executive Officers of the doctoral program.
Eligible Expenses

The primary purpose of the PhD Nursing program is to support graduate students in having enhanced research experiences and conduct nursing research to promote quality nursing and health care, synthesize research finding to develop and implement multidisciplinary programs that promotes the health of people from diverse cultures and interpret roles of nurse scientist in a variety of settings.

Examples of eligible expenses include (but are not limited to)

- Attending professional conferences to present research results or meeting with colleagues in the field — including travel, registration fees and accommodations
- Visiting other research facilities to obtain knowledge relevant to the student’s research, including the cost of travel and accommodations
- Traveling for the purpose of conducting research
- Paying for recruitment and compensation of research subjects
- Paying for publication costs not normally paid for by the student’s research facility
- Paying fees to use professional libraries or databases
- Purchasing research-related books, materials, or software not available at CUNY
- Paying for transcription fees for interviews

Funds may NOT be used for:

- Salaries for the Principal Investigator (the student applicant) or Faculty Mentor
- Purchase of computers
- Food and/or entertainment

Award Period

All spending MUST be done within the timeframe requested.

Budget

Enter figures for expenses rounded to the dollar (no cents) in whichever of the following categories are pertinent:

- Participant Support Costs: Compensation for Human Subjects
- Personnel: Compensation for Research Assistance
- Travel Costs
- Supplies

Direct costs are expenses that can be traced directly to a specific project, such as for travel, translation services or conference registration fees.

Indirect costs are real expenses that cannot be traced to specific projects, such as use of utilities and building maintenance in shared spaces or general office supplies not earmarked for project use. No indirect costs are covered by DSRG funds. Therefore, the line for the budget total is labeled: Total Direct Costs.
Budget Justification
Enter a Budget Justification, explaining how you arrived at the final cost for each line item in your budget and using the same category headings as in your budget. For example, if your “Travel Costs” are listed on the budget form at $800, in the Budget Justification you will need to do a breakdown. It might look like:

Travel Costs
- $500 RT domestic airfare from NYC to Austin TX
- $30 RT transportation to JFK airport
- $30 RT transportation from Austin airport to conference hotel
- $240 shared hotel room (3 nights @ $80 each)

• If you are requesting funding for supplies, please explain why these supplies are necessary for the project. If you are requesting compensation funds for either Human Subjects or Research Assistance, please specify the rate of compensation and state that it is within current standard rates or, if it is higher or lower than standard, briefly explain why.
• If you are purchasing research or lab supplies (e.g. chemical supplies, flash drives, biological supplies, plants, etc.) please break down the cost and state why they are not available in your current research environment.
• If you request publication costs, you need to document the page costs of the specific journal to which you are submitting the research.
• If you are requesting funds to present your research at a specific conference, you need to provide the full name of the conference, location, dates and estimates of travel expenses: the cost of transportation, hotel (per night for # of nights) and registration fee as indicated in the conference program. These costs are often provided on a conference or airline website well in advance of the conference.
• Your Budget Justification should use the same category titles (e.g. Participant Support Costs, Travel Costs) as those categories in which you are requesting funds.