

Rush College of Nursing Guide for Grant Reviews

FACULTY GRANT APPLICATION

DISSERTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Does application have the following necessary documents:

- A. Letters of Support, Access, Collaboration
- B. Biographical Sketch
- C. Instruments/Questionnaires
- D. Abstract
- E. Other:

Significance

Aims clearly stated?

Logical consistency between purpose and aims?

Cited literature is pertinent to the research problem?

Adequately identifies gaps in the literature?

Identified conceptual framework is relevant to research Area and appropriate relationships among framework and major variables identified?

Research will contribute to the development of nursing knowledge?

Investigator:

Researcher(s) has appropriate educational and experiential background for conducting research?

Innovation:

Is the project original and innovative?

For example:

Does the project challenge existing paradigms or clinical practice;

Address an innovative hypothesis or critical barrier to progress in the field?

Does the project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches or methodologies, tools, or technologies for this area?

Is the project likely to lead to a larger innovative study.

Approach:

Design is appropriate to research question?

Sampling frame (population) identified and sampling method is described/appropriate?

Sample size is justified?

Methods for data collection described/appropriate?

Methods for data collection feasible within allotted time frame?

Qualifications for data collector(s) are appropriate?

Instrument reliability and validity addressed for quantitative studies (psychometrics provided)?
Adequacy/appropriateness of interview guides addressed for qualitative studies?

Methods for data analysis consistent with research design and question?

Limitations are defined?

Timeline is appropriate for study?

Environment

Facilities and resources are appropriate for conduct project?

Collaborative arrangements are appropriate to conduct project (Letters)?

Other

Budget

How well is the budget justified?

(Expenses proposed are essential to conduct the proposed research?)

Are other sources of funding identified IF cost for study exceeds budget cap?

Human subjects Concerns

SCORING GUIDELINES

Impact	Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
High	1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
	2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
	3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
Medium	4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
	5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
Low	6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
	7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
	8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
	9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses