

STN GRANT PROGRAM GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS



For the Society of Trauma Nurses: Funding research and evidence-based practice projects is a part of the mission and strategic plan of STN. The goal is to impact the care and treatment of trauma patients.

For Nurse Researchers: This program provides support for nurses who:

- Strive to continually evaluate and improve the practice of trauma nursing; and
- Change the practice of trauma nursing based on evidence and the evaluation of that change.

For Trauma Patients and their families: Nurses will improve care outcomes as a result of their findings.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, the principal investigator of the study must be an STN member. Research must impact patients or family members of patients who have had an injury due to a traumatic mechanism. The role and importance of the nurse clinicians in the conceptualization, data collection, analysis, and/or reporting is imperative. The role of the staff nurses is a required section in the letter of intent and both in your letter of intent and application to ensure that this project will enhance the research/EBP knowledge and experience of nurse clinicians.

What STN May Fund

Small equipment (such as recording devices)

Software

Supplies

Printed materials for study

Buyout of clinical/staff nurses' time so that may lead Mentor time or participate as members of the study team (clinical nurse – includes Advanced Practice Nurses)

Data entry time

Statistician time

Subject incentives to participate in the study (must be approved by IRB)

What STN Will Not Fund

Laptop computers and tablets such as iPads

Institutional overhead

CITI training

IRB review costs

Investigator time (i.e., individual whose primary role is research – not clinical practice)

Staff nurses' compensation when they are subjects of the study, as opposed to members of the research team

Faculty compensation (except in limited role as consultant on unique aspect of project)

STN's aim is to fund studies whose findings will be transferable to other organizations and practitioners once completed. Applicants should be ready to implement their projects immediately following funding from STN. To expedite this, the application requires you to provide evidence of permission to use the tools proposed. Only projects approved by your Institutional Review Board (IRB) or which have been exempted in writing by your IRB will be funded. A copy of your IRB approval on IRB letterhead and with an appropriate signature will be required prior to the funding of the grant.

IRB approval can be pending during the application process. However, the project will not actually be funded without IRB approval. Studies and projects should plan to be completed within one year of starting the work. Checks will only be written to your institution or a specified fund at your institution, not to an individual investigator.

CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

Introduction and literature review	Provides clear and thorough introduction and background, including relevant data giving justification and identification of a gap in knowledge/practice. Identification of a theoretical or conceptual framework to guide study.
Purpose / Objective	States a clear, specific, and testable research question. Aims are congruent to the purpose.
Methods	Provides a logical, clear explanation of the proposed experimental methods, which are sound and appropriate to measure the stated aims. The proposed analysis is appropriate.
Limitations	Limitations to the proposal are clearly identified, and without fatal undermining
Feasibility	The proposed study is feasible and the timeline appropriate for conducting the proposed experiment
Funding request	The budget is descriptive, appropriate, and complete. The funding request is justified for the proposed study.
Contributions to Trauma Nursing	The purpose of the study aligns with the mission and focus of STN and the contributions the study will make to trauma nursing are clear.
Research team	The research team is well-versed, appropriate, and will be able to support the PI.
Writing style and completeness	Proposal is complete, well-written, and has acceptable style/grammar. References are present and appropriate.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED GRANTS

Interim and Final Reports

At the half-way point and at the conclusion of your study or evidence-based practice project, a report from the Grantee is required.

Publishing Your Work

It is expected that any project receiving funding from STN, when published or presented, the research should recognize STN in the following way: ***“Funding provided by STN Grant for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects.”*** An STN logo will be provided for your use. The findings of your study will be posted on the STN website. The specifics will be discussed with you prior to the posting.

STN requires all Grantees to submit their research to The Journal of Trauma Nursing (submission does not guarantee publication).

When the Investigator or Team Members Leave the Institution

STN must be notified by email (to Stephanie Czuhajewski at sczuhajewski@traumanurses.org) should any member of the research team leave the institution.

If a Project Cannot be Completed

If a project funded by STN cannot be completed for any reason, the STN must be informed immediately and any remaining funds must be returned to STN.

Conclusion

In summary, STN will fund studies and projects that represent good science, will impact trauma patients and their families in a direct way, and will have an impact outside one's own institution.