



Research Grant Program

Request for Applications: Research Proposals that Advance the Science and Practice of Rehabilitation Nursing

Grant applications are required to be submitted electronically in one PDF document.

Due date: June 1, 2021

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Advance the Science and Practice of Rehabilitation Nursing

The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) Research Committee requests applications for grant support for research studies that aim to advance the science and practice of rehabilitation nursing. Proposed research should have the potential to generate findings that will lead to further extramural funding and contribute to the larger body of rehabilitation and healthcare knowledge. This request does *not* include proposals for quality improvement projects, program evaluation, or other performance improvement projects.

- Maximum funding available is \$15,000.
- Number of awards to be funded will depend on the quality of proposals submitted and the amount of funding requested.
- Funding will be distributed on September 1, 2021, and funded projects must be completed before August 31, 2013.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are members of ARN.
- Proposals will be reviewed by select members of the Research Committee and a peer review panel.
- Grant awardees will be expected to disseminate findings by submitting a manuscript for publication in the ARN journal, *Rehabilitation Nursing*, and an abstract for presentation at the annual ARN Educational Conference.
- Proposal must adhere to the Guidelines for Proposals section below.

Questions

Nurse researchers who have specific questions or concerns not addressed in this packet should contact the ARN office.

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Introduction

ARN Research Committee

The ARN Research Committee was established in 2017 to promote and support (a) the conduct of research and program evaluation studies that exhibit methodological rigor and are important to rehabilitation nursing; (b) the dissemination and translation of research and program evaluation findings into practice, education, and policy; (c) continuous quality improvement projects that impact the specialty and practice of rehabilitation nursing; and (d) educational venues that focus on the development and translation of science, program evaluation, and quality improvement in varied populations and settings important to the rehabilitation nursing community.

In 2019, the Research Committee completed the fourth revision of the ARN Research Agenda. The Research Agenda comprises seven content areas and includes brief descriptions of the high-priority research issues for each area. Interventions mentioned in each content area were based on the most current and best evidence.

ARN Mission Statement

ARN's mission is to promote and advance professional rehabilitation nursing practice through professional development, advocacy, collaboration, and research to enhance the quality of life for those affected by disability and chronic illness.

Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Nursing

Rehabilitation is a philosophy of practice that addresses the care of people with disability and chronic health conditions. Rehabilitation can occur across the life span and is not limited to a specific setting. **Rehabilitation nursing** is a specialty practice

area within the scope of professional nursing practice. This specialty includes the diagnosis and treatment of human responses of individuals and groups to actual or potential health problems that stem from altered functional ability and altered lifestyle.

Research proposals must address the 2019 ARN Research Agenda and reflect the ARN mission.

Guidelines for Proposals

Focus

This Request for Application (RFA) is open to applicants whose proposed research study aims to (a) advance the science and practice of rehabilitation nursing and (b) produce findings intended to serve as a basis for further extramural funding.

Eligible Applicants

The principal investigator (PI) for the research receiving a grant must

1. have a research doctorate or be a doctoral candidate in a research doctoral program, and
2. be a registered nurse who is active in rehabilitation or who demonstrates a strong interest in rehabilitation nursing.

Preference will be given to members of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN).

Responsibilities of the Principal Investigator

1. Completion of the project within 2 years of initial funding.
2. Submission of a progress report to the ARN Research Committee every 6 months until the research is completed.
3. Submission of a publishable manuscript presenting the findings to the ARN journal, *Rehabilitation Nursing*, within 2 years of the completed research.



4. Presentation of a paper or poster pertaining to the research at an ARN educational conference within 1 year of the completed research.
5. Acknowledgment in all study-related publications, papers, and posters that the research was supported by the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Research Committee.

Required Information

Prepare the proposal according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). The proposal narrative is limited to 12 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point Times New Roman font and 8½" x 11" paper with 1-in. margins.

Sections not counted against the 12-page narrative limit are references, project budget, and appendices.

The following Research Committee forms and materials are required to complete the submission process:

1. Research Checklist—this form verifies inclusion of all required materials
2. Summary Data Form—this form includes the title of the study and contact information for the PI and coinvestigators
3. Administrative Approval Form—this form indicates that the PI has received their employer's approval to conduct the proposed study (if applicable)
4. Abstract Form—using this form, the abstract must be typed, double-spaced, and limited to 350 words and should include a brief background, purpose, significance, methodology, and plan for analysis (the abstract is not counted against the 12-page narrative limit)
5. Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval Letter—the IRB or Protection of Human Subjects Committee approval letter may be pending at the time of submission, but written approval must be received by ARN before any funds will be awarded.
6. Letter of Support from Dissertation Committee chair (required from doctoral candidates).

Proposal Headings

The proposal must include and address the following National Institutes of Health (NIH) headings: [Write Your Research Plan | NIH: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases](#)

Significance

This section includes a description of the problem, the significance of this research to the practice of rehabilitation nursing, purpose statement and aims (hypotheses, if appropriate), a concise and critical review of current literature, and theoretical framework (if appropriate). It also should describe how the results of this study will lead to further extramural funding.

Innovation

This section provides a description of the study's potential for challenging or shifting the current research or clinical practice paradigms through the use of innovations such as novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions.

Approach

This section describes the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses appropriate for accomplishing the study aims or purpose. At a minimum, it should include a discussion of the design, sample, setting, protection of human subjects, data collection, procedures, instrumentation, analysis, and potential limitations.

Environment

This section describes the scientific environment in which the study will be conducted and ways in which the surroundings contribute to success of the study. It should describe institutional support, equipment, and other physical resources available to the investigator. In addition, it should include written approval from the appropriate administrator of the institution or agency in which the PI is employed ([Administrative Approval Form](#)), if applicable.



Timeline

A precise timeline illustrating project tasks and objectives to be completed in less than 2 years is required.

Additional Sections (separate from proposal)

1. References

References address the bibliographic information of sources cited in the proposal.

2. Project Budget

A budget for the entire project must be submitted using the ARN Budget Form. If ARN Research Committee funds are to be used for only a portion of the budget, identify the specific items for which you seek support. Identify remaining items to be funded from other sources and in-kind contributions. Clearly describe those sources of funding or support in addition to the amount you are seeking from each entity. Salaries are acceptable costs.

The budget must specify the direct costs associated with the research. Travel expenses to the ARN Annual Educational conference for a presentation of the project may be included in the budget. Indirect costs and travel expenses for other meeting presentations will not be funded by the ARN Research Committee. The purchase of a computer will not be funded unless significant justification is provided in the proposal. Include notation of contributed funds, personnel, or indirect allowances. The budget must represent sufficient funds to complete the project.

3. Appendices: Include the following appendices

- a) Appendix A: Measurement instruments
- b) Appendix B: IRB approval
- c) Appendix C: Participant consent forms
- d) Appendix D: NIH bio sketch forms (PI, coinvestigators, key personnel)

- e) Appendix E: Describe the roles and responsibilities of the PI, coinvestigators, and key personnel- Include credentials for each.
- f) Appendix F: Letter of support from the chair of your Dissertation Committee (required if applicant is a research doctoral candidate)

Submission Requirements

1. Submit the entire packet electronically as a **single PDF file**.
2. Complete all proposal materials. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
3. Address proposals to the ARN Research Committee and email to info@rehabnurse.org.
4. **Deadline: Proposals must be received by June 1, 2021.** Proposals received after this date will not be considered. An email confirmation will be sent within 48 hours of receiving your proposal. There are no exceptions to the deadline.

Evaluation Procedures

Proposals will be reviewed by select members of the ARN Research Committee and a peer review panel. Proposals will be rated according to the NIH criteria for proposal review.

Notification of Award

Grant recipient(s) will be notified by August 1, 2021. Pending IRB approval, the recipient will receive 75% of funding on September 1, 2021. The remaining 25% will be distributed pending the approval of the 12-month progress report.