

SIGMA THETA TAU GAMMA OMICRON AT-LARGE CHAPTER RESEARCH AWARDS

NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD (deadline for submission: 3/31/2010)

The purpose of this award is to assist any Sigma Theta Tau member who is learning to conduct research to advance knowledge in the area of nursing science. Master's thesis and doctoral dissertation research projects will be considered. The award is intended for a first research endeavor. The amount of this award can be up to \$2000.

GAMMA OMICRON AT-LARGE CHAPTER RESEARCH GRANT (deadline for submission: 3/31/2010)

The purpose of this award is to assist any Gamma Omicron at-Large Chapter member who is willing to contribute to advance knowledge in the area of nursing science. The award is intended for any nurse researcher regardless of previous funding. The amount of this award can be up to \$2000.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR NEW INVESTIGATOR AND GAMMA OMICRON AT-LARGE CHAPTER AWARDS

1. Submit application and a written research proposal according to the guidelines (see below). Data collection may be in process.
2. Submit a signed formal agreement for money usage and public report findings. It is anticipated that the award funds would be used within one year of the award date.
3. The awards are given annually. Deadline for submission is March 31, 2010.
4. Submit all materials for any of the research awards to the Research Award Coordinator at: finchn@musc.edu. Electronic submissions are preferred.
5. The awards will be made at the chapter's annual business meeting each spring. This year's winners will be announced at the April 20, 2010 Board of Director's meeting. Awards will be presented to recipients at the Business/Education meeting on May 18, 2010.
6. Recipients will acknowledge the support of Sigma Theta Tau Gamma Omicron At-Large Chapter in all manuscripts, podium presentations, posters, and/or other media related to the funded project. Recipients will be asked to present the completed project to the chapter membership following the completion of the project.

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Proposal Outline

The following areas are to be included in a proposal. American Psychological Association style of documentation is preferred. Parts I through IV should be a maximum of 10 pages.

Part I. Title and Abstract

A title page and 100-word abstract are to accompany the proposal. The abstract should include the hypothesis or research question, the specific variables and their measurements, the population and sample description, and a statement of the design and analysis.

Part II. Proposal Outline

Include the following:

- A. Design of study
- B. Statement of the problem
- C. Significance of study to nursing science
- D. Conceptual or theoretical framework
- E. Research questions and hypotheses, if applicable
- F. Definition of variables
- G. Instrument(s) reliability and validity (as appropriate to design)
- H. Ethical considerations
- I. Data collection procedure
- J. Sample size, and sampling procedure
- K. Data analysis plan

Part III. References

Part IV. Budget

Detail the amount requested for the following:

- 1) personnel
- 2) supplies or equipment
- 3) travel
- 4) other expenses

Part V. Appendices

- A. Instruments or interview schedule
- B. Investigator(s) curriculum vitae (maximum of 3 pages)
- C. Other relevant materials

RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD (deadline for submission: 3/31/2010)

This award was created to acknowledge a Gamma Omicron At-Large Chapter member whose scholarly work fulfills the goals of Sigma Theta Tau International. Self-nomination or nomination of another will be accepted. It is anticipated that the award will be used for future research endeavors. The amount of this award is \$250. The award is given annually.

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD

The nomination includes a letter which summarizes the individual's significant research accomplishments and addresses the value of the research to current health practice, the profession of nursing, and the advancement of nursing science. A curriculum vitae of the nominee must also be included. The nomination must be submitted by March 31, 2010.

All materials for any of the research awards must be submitted to:

**Nancy Finch
Research Award Coordinator
MUSC College of Nursing
99 Jonathan Lucas Street
MSC 160 / Room 318
Charleston, SC 29425**

For further information contact: Dr. Finch at (843) 708-5234 or

*** finchn@musc.edu *Electronic submissions are preferred.**