

Nursing Research Award Application

Research awards are valued up to \$2,500. The award provides seed money for:

- a) developing a proposal,
- b) conducting a pilot/small study or
- c) further development of an ongoing research project.

Supporting Documentation

The principal investigator must submit the following supporting documentation in order for the application to be considered complete:

- A copy of the research proposal, not exceeding **10 single-spaced typed pages** exclusive of appendices. See page 2 for additional information regarding the proposal requirements.
 - Note: If the application is for development of a proposal, a background paper must be submitted. The background paper shall not exceed 10 single-spaced pages, exclusive of appendices, and must include as many proposal requirements outlined on page 2 as possible.
- Job descriptions (e.g., job advertisements) for personnel included in the budget section of the application.
- References from **two professional colleagues** who can speak to the applicant's motivation and initiative in nursing practice and to the merits of the applicant's research (e.g., thesis advisor, School of Nursing, employer).
- References must be completed using the **online reference form**.
- Approval from an established ethical review committee for projects involving the use of human subjects and/or access to confidential records.
 - The Committee will review applications prior to receiving ethical approval however, **funds will not be released** until proof of ethical approval from a recognized review committee is received.
- A résumé for **each** principal investigator.
 - The online résumé form contains the required information. Please do not submit a paper copy of your résumé/CV.

Supporting documentation can be sent by email to trust@arnnl.ca or by regular mail to:

ARNNL Education & Research Trust
55 Military Road
St. John's, NL A1C 2C5

Proposal Requirements

Research proposals must not exceed 10 single spaced typewritten (8.5x11) pages, excluding appendices. Appendices should be limited to critical supplementary information (e.g., survey instruments, consent forms etc.). Unnecessarily long proposals and appendices may not be reviewed.

Proposals should include the following:

- a) project summary of 500 words or less on a separate sheet of paper
- a) statement of the problem \
- b) literature review | Not to exceed **FOUR** pages (b + c + d)
- c) purpose and objectives /
- d) conceptual framework
- e) design (type of study, population, sample, setting, description of variables)
- f) method (sampling, instruments, reliability and validity, analysis)
- g) ethical considerations
- h) dissemination of results.

Proposals will be subject to a blind review. Please ensure that investigators names are not on the proposal.

Terms And Conditions Of Award

Unspent Funds: Funds not spent at the end of the academic award year may be retained and spent during the following academic year provided prior approval has been requested and granted by the ARNNL Education and Research Trust Awards Committee.

Project Termination – Unused Funds to be Returned: The principal investigator is responsible for notifying the ARNNL Education and Research Trust immediately if the approved project will not be completed. Project termination requires submission of a report of project results at the point of termination, a statement of expenditures, a request for termination with rationale, and a refund if award funds exceed actual expenditures.

Publications: All publications and reports arising from the project must acknowledge the financial assistance of the ARNNL Education and Research Trust.

Retroactivity: Award funds may be used for components of the research project that have been completed provided receipts are available. The award will not be awarded retroactively for completed research projects.

Budget And Financial Administration Policies

The principal investigator will be responsible for the budget.

If the total budget is more than can be provided by an ARNNL Education and Research Trust award, provisions for the source of the remaining funding must be described if essential for project completion.

Costs directly associated with travel for data collection purposes and for dissemination of research finding are allowed.

Funding will not be allowed for renovation of facilities, rent, utilities, or entertainment. No portion of a principal investigator's salary is allowed as a budget expense.

Only personnel expenses allocated for research assistants, technicians and secretarial work are allowable. Rates of pay for research assistants, technicians and non-professional assistants should be in accordance with the pay scales and policies of the agency at which the principal investigator is employed or affiliated.

Equipment costs should not exceed 10% of the research award.

Quotes or letters are required to substantiate equipment and/or administrative charges.

Review Process

The ARNNL Education and Research Trust Research Award Review Committee co-ordinates a peer review of proposals. This Committee reports to the Trust Awards Committee.

All proposals are reviewed through the peer review process for scientific merit, potential contribution to the profession of nursing, feasibility, clarity and relevance.

The Research Award Review Committee selects successful candidates.

Results of the selection process are generally available in late November and applicants will be notified by e-mail.

- In the event that the applications are accepted for a special funding competition, results of the selection process will generally be available in late March. Applicants will be notified by e-mail.

Candidates successful in obtaining funding from other sources may be asked to accept the alternate funding.