

Hartford Award for Research and Practice (HARP) Program Call for Doctoral Dissertation Research Proposals

Purpose

The HARP for Doctoral Dissertation Research Proposals is an award to support qualified doctoral students whose dissertation focuses on improving the health and health care of older adults. It is **awarded to Ph.D. students during the final stages of dissertation research** in the OHSU School of Nursing (SON) Ph.D. program and administered by the Hartford Center of Gerontological Excellence (HCGE).

This fund is not to replace the scholarship mechanism, the T32/NRSA fellowships, or other academic and dissertation funding mechanisms. Rather, the purpose of this award is to assist students during a critical phase of their dissertation.

Eligibility

OHSU SON Ph.D. students applying for this award must meet the following criteria:

1. Dissertation research is focused on improving the health and health care of older adults,
2. Faculty committee and IRB have approved the dissertation proposal,
3. Dissertation advisor recommends support,
4. Student is actively engaged in data collection and/or analysis, and
5. Completion of dissertation is expected within one year of receiving the HARP.

Only students who have not previously received funding from the Dissertation HARP are eligible to apply.

Application Process and Timeline

You may apply for HARP support for your doctoral dissertation when you meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. **THERE IS A ROLLING DEADLINE.** Funding begins upon the IRB approval *and* award notification from the HCGE, and is expected to be spent within one year thereafter.

Up to \$3,000 is available per award. The funding may be used for research assistance, statistical consultation, dissertation research expenses, or other approved requests related to completion of the dissertation work. To learn more please contact the [HCGE Project Administrator](#).

[Office of Proposal and Award Management \(OPAM\)](#) provides pre-award administration. You must work with the SON **Office of Research Development and Support** (ORDS) staff to develop your budget. Please contact snords@ohsu.edu at least one month prior to submitting your proposal in order to meet internal OPAM submission deadlines. **Applications will be considered incomplete until a SoN ORDS staff member has reviewed and signed off on your budget.** Best practice is to have an idea of the costs you would like this award to cover before you meet with the ORDS staff.

Applications accepted:	One year before anticipated Ph.D. dissertation defense
ORDS meeting:	One month before HARP proposal submission
OPAM deadline:	10 business days before HARP proposal submission
Anticipated date for notification of award:	One month after proposal submission received
Funding begins:	Upon IRB approval <i>and</i> HCNE award notification

Application Guidelines

The application should be submitted electronically as one PDF document to Marilyn Sanguinetti at sanguine@ohsu.edu with a copy to SNORDS@ohsu.edu. It is expected to include:

1. A 1-2 page (single-spaced, 1" margins all around, Ariel, 11-point font) description of the following:
 - a. Specific aims of the study,
 - b. Brief description of progress to date,
 - c. Timeline for completion of remaining research activities, and
 - d. A one or two sentence description of planned "next steps" for research once dissertation is completed.

The following required components of the application are not included in the page limit:

2. A current [non-fellowship NIH biosketch](#)
3. A **letter of support** from the dissertation chair with *confirmation of estimated timeline*.
4. **Budget request and justification**. The budget and budget justification should be approximately one page in length and include line items with costs, followed by a narrative budget justification. Please note: HARP funds are restricted and do not fund indirect costs; salary, tuition, or fees for the Ph.D. student requesting funding; or tuition or fees for GRAs. Some allowable expenses are: personnel costs for research staff; services, supplies, and small equipment; publication costs; consultant fees and travel; travel expenses necessary for conducting the research or project; and travel approved by the HCGE to professional meetings to disseminate results.
5. List all **references** cited in the proposal narrative description and, if appropriate, additional resources used to develop the proposal and the study. References must be in the APA format.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

1. *Relevance and Innovation*: The proposal demonstrates the potential to improve the health or health care for older adults.
2. *Feasibility*: The proposal includes appropriate and feasible timeline for completion of dissertation research within one year.
3. *Synergism*: The proposal leverages the student for ongoing research to improve the health or health care for older adults.
4. *Budget Justification*: The budget requested is appropriate for the proposed project.

Review Committee

The HARP Review Committee evaluates and prioritizes proposals and makes funding decisions according to availability of funds.

Expected Outcomes

At the conclusion of the dissertation, award recipients are asked to submit a brief, final report about the significance of this award to the completion of their dissertation work and should include the final budget report. This should be completed no later than 60 days from completion of dissertation defense. Please send the final report to the Hartford Center Project Administrator, Marilyn Sanguinetti at sanguine@ohsu.edu.

HARP funding should be acknowledged in the dissertation. Suggested text: *This dissertation was supported, in part, by the Frances Price Estate Fund through the OHSU Foundation and the Hartford Center of Gerontological Excellence at OHSU.*

Program Management

The HCGE oversees the HARP program. Post-award financial management will be administered by ORDS. All communication regarding the HARP program should be directed to Marilyn Sanguinetti, Project Administrator for the Hartford Center of Gerontological Excellence at OHSU, at sanguine@ohsu.edu or 503-494-0222.