

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

OPAM deadline:	May 4, 2018 by 12:00 p.m. PDT
Applications due:	May 18, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. PDT
Anticipated date for notification of award:	June 11, 2018
Funding begins:	Upon the IRB approval, but not before July 2, 2018

Purpose

The purpose of the Hartford Award for Research and Practice (HARP) program is to improve the health and health care of older adults through research and practice change. The HARP for Doctoral Dissertation Research Proposals is an award to support qualified doctoral candidates during the final stages of dissertation research in the OHSU School of Nursing (SON) Ph.D. program.

Eligibility

Doctoral candidates applying for this award must meet the following criteria:

1. Dissertation research is focused on improving the 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.

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 candidacy, in the completion of their dissertation work. Up to \$2,000 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. **Only students who have not previously received funding from the dissertation HARP are eligible to apply.**

Application Process and Timeline

You must work with the School of Nursing Office of Research Development and Support (SNORDS) staff to develop your budget in advance of submitting your proposal. **Applications will be considered incomplete until a SNORDS staff member has reviewed your budget plan and given the correct information for planned expenses.** To start the budget process with SNORDS, send an email to SNORDS@ohsu.edu requesting a meeting to work together on the budget at least two weeks in advance of the OHSU Office of Proposal and Award Management (OPAM) May 4, 2018 deadline. The budget should be approximately one page in length and include line items with costs, followed by a narrative budget justification. Develop a draft of this before you meet with SNORDS staff. Funding begins upon the IRB approval, but no sooner than July 2, 2018.

Proposal applications should be submitted electronically as one PDF document to Marilyn Sanguinetti at sanguine@ohsu.edu (with a copy to SNORDS@ohsu.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2018.

Application Guidelines

The application should be sent as one PDF document and 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, including oral defense; and
 - d. A brief (one or two sentences) description of planned "next steps" for research (once dissertation is completed);
2. A current [NIH biographical sketch](#) (The link is to a blank form. This link is for a [sample.](#));
3. A letter of support from the dissertation chair with *confirmation of estimated timeline*;
4. Budget request and justification. The budget should be approximately one page in length and include line items with costs, followed by a narrative budget justification. (Please note: HARP awards do not fund indirect costs.); and
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 and are not included in the page limit.

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. The final funding decisions are made by the SON Dean.

Expected Outcomes

HARP funding should be acknowledged in the dissertation. 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.

Program Management

The Hartford Center oversees the HARP program. Post award financial management will be administered by SNORDS. 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.