

**Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for
Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare
at The Ohio State University College of Nursing**

2023 Call for Research Proposals

Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023, by 11:59 pm EST

The Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice (EBP) in Nursing and Healthcare at The Ohio State University College of Nursing is pleased to announce our annual funding opportunity to stimulate and advance research about evidence-based practice (EBP) or implementation science in nursing and healthcare across the United States.

The Fuld National Institute for EBP invites PhD-prepared nurses or PhD candidates who are leading an interprofessional team to conduct research studies related to EBP or implementation science to submit proposals. Research proposals will undergo competitive review with funding awarded to up to two proposals. Awardees will also receive free conference registration for the lead investigator to the Summit presented by the Fuld National Institute for EBP, to be held in the spring of 2025, in Columbus, Ohio.

This cycle will also include a priority for proposals that address diversity, equity or inclusion, with the intent to award funding to one or more principal investigator whose research proposal addresses these factors.

Prospective applicants should first review the following call for proposals before clicking the link below to apply.

Submission Instructions

The online application form will request some basic demographic data to confirm eligibility. If the applicant meets eligibility criteria, we will provide a shared One Drive folder. Applicants will then receive an email invitation from Bindu Thomas at thomas.3279@osu.edu with specific instructions for online submission.

Applicants will be assigned a folder that is unique to their submission. This folder contains sub-folders that accommodate all the required proposal sections. For each of the required sections, applicants will be required to upload a Word document that adheres to the guidelines. Once your upload is complete, please send an email to Bindu Thomas at thomas.3279@osu.edu to let her know your submission is ready for review.

Eligible applicants are expected to read the information in the call below before submitting any documents. (The call is also located in the folder assigned to each applicant.)

If you have any technical questions regarding the submission, please contact Bindu Thomas at thomas.3279@osu.edu.

Click here to apply

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ELIGIBILITY

Any PhD-prepared nurse (or earned equivalent research doctorate nurse) or PhD candidate nurse at a United States healthcare organization or academic institution is eligible to apply. The study must focus on research that advances EBP or implementation science and be a new project that has not been conducted. Non-nurse researchers/clinicians are able to be on the research team but the principal investigator must be a PhD-prepared nurse or a candidate in a PhD program.

ATTRIBUTES

To meet our strategic goals, the Fuld National Institute for EBP is providing flexible criteria and nonrestrictive guidelines to allow for many different types of funding requests providing they are framed in a research study.

- **Duration**

We will provide funding for a maximum of two years and researchers must complete the study in this time.

- **Award Amount**

We will consider requests up to \$5,000. Applicants must justify their intended use of funds and are encouraged to take advantage of existing resources. This funding mechanism does not permit investigator percent effort (time).

Equipment

Funding will support the purchase of necessary equipment if the need is well justified and within the \$5000 limit.

KEY DATES

Friday, March 31, 2023 **Application deadline: applications are due by 11:59 pm EST**

Friday, June 2, 2023 **Notification of awardees**

Friday, June 2, 2023 **Funding will be available but contract must be in place**

GUIDELINES

1. Limit the “proposal” section to 5 double-spaced pages.
2. Use an abbreviated title as a running header.
3. Format the proposal with Arial 11-point font with at least .5 inch margins.

COVER PAGE (Not included in the 5-page limit)

1. Title
2. Investigator name(s)
3. Organization(s) involved
4. Inter-professional team member name(s), credentials, and professional role
5. Abstract limited to 250 words or less (double-spaced)

I. RESEARCH PROPOSAL (Limited to 5, double-spaced, pages)

The page limit is five double-spaced pages for the proposal sections. The page limits below serve as a general guide for each section.

A. Specific Aims (1 page)

State concisely the problem or need, what gap it is addressing, the aims/goals of the proposed study, and the expected outcome(s), including the impact that the results of the proposed study can have on practice. Include research questions or hypotheses.

B. Research Strategy (4 pages total)

Organize this section using the headings described below. Address these points in the following order:

1) Significance (1 page)

- Explain the importance of the problem or gap in the literature that the proposed study addresses. Include a **brief** review of the literature, indicating the present status of knowledge, findings of pertinent studies, and gaps in the area of investigation.
- Describe how the achievement of the proposed aims will advance science and implications for practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion strengths can be included here (as applicable).

2) Innovation (1/2 page)

- Explain how the study challenges current research, EBP models and processes, or clinical practice paradigms by using novel ideas, strategies, instruments, or intervention(s).

3) Methods (2 pages)

- Describe the study design to achieve the specific aims.
- Describe the proposed setting and sample. Diversity, equity, and/or inclusion may be highlighted here (if applicable).
- Describe the intervention, if applicable.
- Describe what data will be collected, associated instruments, and data collection techniques.
- If the study involves engaging with human participants, describe plans to 1) recruit and enroll sufficient numbers of subjects, and 2) protect human subjects from research risks.
- Discuss potential problems, limitations, and alternative strategies.

4) Analysis & Plans for Dissemination of Study Findings (1/2 page)

- Describe how the data will be analyzed and interpreted.
- Describe plans for dissemination of study findings.

C. References and Appendices (*not included in above 5-page limit*)

Cite all works in the reference section. Use a consistent referencing system throughout the proposal. Note that a system that uses the numbering system may save space. Attach research instruments, tables, and figures as an appendix.

II. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Letters of support are not included in the 5-page limit.

We require letters of support from the applicant's organization (e.g., chief nurse, medical director, dean) and the manager/director of the unit/location where the study will be conducted. The letters of support should address the level of commitment to the applicant and study, why the proposed study is a priority, and resources available to help support the study.

III. BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

Two page limit. The budget is not included in the 5-page limit.

The total budget may not exceed \$5,000. Examples of possible budget items are:

- Laboratory or office supplies and equipment, including computer software
- Data management assistant
- Data collector or research assistant
- Statistical support
- Transcriptionist time
- Professional poster formatting and printing

Note: The following costs are NOT allowed:

- Salary support for the investigator
- Computers
- Travel (except travel expenses to the EBP National Summit for the investigator)

IV. TIMELINE

One half (1/2) page limit. The timeline is not included in the 5-page limit.

Applicants must include a detailed timeline for the proposed study that includes major activities and months these will be accomplished.

V. HUMAN SUBJECTS ISSUES

If your proposal is selected for funding, you must submit your proposal to the IRB where the research will be conducted and any other required organizational research review committee(s). Awardees must complete the CITI training on protection of human subjects and comply with all applicable federal policies, rules, and guidelines for research involving the inclusion of human subjects.

VI. BIOSKETCH OR CV DESCRIBING THE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCES OF THE APPLICANT AND INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM MEMBER(S)

No page limit. These requirements are not included in the 5-page limit.

Applicant must submit a biosketch or curriculum vitae (CV) for the principal investigator and key personnel that includes the following: educational background, work experiences, honors/awards, publications, presentations, research grant awards, committee and leadership work, or community services or volunteer work.

VII. COLLABORATORS/CONSULTANTS/MENTORS (If applicable)

No page limit. The collaborator/mentor biosketches are not included in the 5-page limit.

The collaborator, consultant, and/or mentor may submit a biosketch or curriculum vitae that includes the following: educational background, work experiences, honors/awards, publications, presentations, research grant awards, committee and leadership work, or community services or volunteer work.

VIII. PREPARATION FOR FUNDING

To be more proactive and avoid delays in the event you are awarded funding, please provide the following information:

- Financial contact for Principal Investigator's organization
- Short overview of project and impact for use in marketing materials
- Picture of Principal Investigator to use in marketing materials

Review Process

The Proposal Review Committee chairperson is Sharon Tucker, PhD, APRN-CNS, PMHCNS-BC, NC-BC, EBP-C, F-NAP, FAAN, Implementation Science Core Director, Helene Fuld Heath Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare, The Ohio State University College of Nursing. Dr. Tucker will convene a proposal review committee that will include members of the Fuld National Institute for EBP and invited reviewers. The committee will review all proposals using the following scoring criteria.

SCORING CRITERIA

- Research focuses directly on an EBP or implementation science issue.
- Study is feasible.
- Study is innovative.
- Applicant has a mentor, if indicated, with appropriate expertise.
- Significance of the research is clear.
- Methods are rigorous and appropriate to achieve the study aims; sufficient detail is provided.
- Analysis is appropriate.
- Budget and justification are appropriate for the study aims.
- Proposal is well written and follows submission instructions.
- Proposal addresses diversity, equity, or inclusion as a priority area, but not required.

Reporting Structure

INTERIM REPORT

Awardees are expected to submit an Interim Report at 6, 12, and 18-month intervals to the Fuld National Institute for EBP Proposal Review Committee. The report will be submitted online using the shared folder mentioned in the Submission Instructions above and should include:

- Progress Toward Achieving Research Goals/Objectives
- Dissemination of Findings
- Financial Summary to Date (use of funds as awarded)

FINAL REPORT

Awardees are expected to submit a Final Report to the Fuld National Institute for EBP Proposal Review Committee. The report will be submitted online using the shared folder mentioned in the Submission Instructions above and should include:

- Conclusions of the Work
- Recommendations
- Dissemination of Findings (published articles, conference presentations and local practice changes)
- Financial Summary - use of funds as awarded, how unused funds will be returned (if applicable)

PRESENTATION

Awardees are expected to present their study findings at the 2025 Fuld National Institute for EBP Summit to be held in the spring of 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. The Fuld National Institute for EBP will waive the conference registration fee for lead investigators who present their winning proposal's research findings (preliminary or final as appropriate). Awardees will also be awarded a one-hour manuscript preparation consultation if they choose.