

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

2022 Call for Evidence-Based Quality Improvement Proposals

Application Deadline: Friday, **March 18, 2022**, by 11:59 pm EST

The Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare at The Ohio State University College of Nursing is pleased to announce a grant opportunity to stimulate and advance evidence-based practice (EBP) in nursing and healthcare across the United States.

This grant will provide an opportunity for a DNP-prepared individual or DNP candidate to lead an interprofessional team in conducting an evidence-based quality improvement project or initiative.¹ EBP proposals will undergo a competitive review, and we will award funding for up to four proposals. Grant awardees will also receive free conference registration to the **2023 EBP National Summit presented by the Fuld Institute for EBP, May 25-26, in Columbus, Ohio.**

This cycle will also include a priority on health equities and disparities with the intent to award one or more EBP grants to a project addressing these essential needs.

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 grant 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 must 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 us know your submission is ready for review.

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.

¹Melnyk, B., & Gallagher-Ford, L. (2018). Transforming quality improvement into evidence-based quality improvement: A key solution to improve healthcare outcomes. *Worldviews*, 12(5), 251-252.

[**Click here to apply**](#)

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ELIGIBILITY

All DNP-prepared nurses or DNP candidates interested in pursuing an EBP initiative grant that directly addresses clinical practice issues are eligible to apply. The project must be new and not yet implemented. DNP-prepared nurses and DNP candidates at all levels of experience are eligible to apply as long as their application is designed to improve healthcare quality and/or patient outcomes.

ATTRIBUTES

To meet our strategic goals, the Fuld Institute for EBP is providing flexible criteria and nonrestrictive guidelines to allow for many different types of requests.

- **Duration**

We will fund grants for a year and you must complete the EBP/QI initiative during that time.

- **Award Amount**

We will consider requests up to \$2500. We expect to award funding for four (4) EBP initiative grants. Applicants must justify their intended use of funds and are encouraged to take advantage of existing resources. We do not permit initiative leader percent effort (time) in this funding mechanism.

Equipment

Small grant funds will support the purchase of necessary equipment if the need is well justified.

KEY DATES

Friday, March 18, 2022	Application Deadline. Applications are due by 11:59 pm EST
Friday, May 13, 2022	Notification of grant awardees
Friday, May 13, 2022	Funding will be available beginning May 13, 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. Initiative leader name
3. Organization(s) involved
4. Director name(s)
5. Inter-professional team member name(s) and credentials
6. Abstract limited to 250 words (double-spaced)

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

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

- 1) **Purpose of the Initiative (Suggested 125 words or less, double-spaced)**

Include a purpose paragraph that contains the patient population, background/significance of the clinical problem/practice, clinical problem/practice, evidence-based intervention/practice change and outcome. Include the PICOT (Patient population, Intervention/practice change, Comparison intervention, Outcome(s), and Time frame) question.
- 2) **Background and Evidence (Suggested 500 words or less, double-spaced)**
 - a) Describe the current clinical problem that you propose to change and cite appropriate evidence. Include baseline or preliminary data from your institution, if applicable.
 - b) Include the target audience (e.g. the group of patients/family/staff that will be the focus of the initiative).
 - c) Cite and summarize evidence to support the need for a practice change. Include evidence to support the evidence-based intervention/practice change that you are proposing. Use quality improvement data or research reports to establish the initiative's need. Cite clinical practice guidelines or publications to support the proposed practice change.
 - d) Summarize the relevant body of evidence for this topic. We recommend submitting an evidence synthesis table.
 - e) Provide a list of references as an attachment to the application (not included in the above 5-page limit). References can be cited using a numbering system to save space.
- 3) **Describe the Practice Change and Implementation Plan (Suggested 500 words or less, double-spaced).**
 - a) Use a multi-faceted approach for implementation. We recommend a phased approach to prepare the target audience(s) with adoption.
 - b) List step-by-step how the change will occur and by whom. (We encourage the use of an EBP or QI framework/model.)
 - c) Include a staff education strategy, but note that education alone cannot be the only implementation strategy.
 - d) Include a brief description of the participants.
 - i) Discuss how you will include patients or family members (if applicable).
 - ii) Discuss how you will involve clinicians in the practice change.
 - e) Describe the implementation strategies with enough detail so that another person could independently replicate the initiative.
 - f) Attach any implementation tools.
 - g) Describe the timing of the implementation strategies (or include a timeline).
- 4) **Evaluation of Outcomes (Suggested 250 words or less, double-spaced)**
 - a) Describe the clinical or outcome data that you will evaluate before and after the practice change. State the outcomes you plan to assess.
 - i) Report anticipated patient or family outcome data (if applicable).
 - ii) Report anticipated clinician outcome data (if applicable).
 - b) Describe process measures, if appropriate.
 - c) Identify how you plan to collect data.
 - d) Include evaluation tools/measures.
 - e) State the anticipated evaluation plan timeline.
 - f) Describe how the data will be analyzed.

II. LETTER OF SUPPORT

These requirements are not included in the 5-page limit.

A letter of support from the applicant's direct supervisor is required. The letter of support should address commitment to the applicant and initiative, why the proposed initiative is a priority, and how they will support the applicant and the initiative.

III. BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

Two page limit. These requirements are not included in the 5-page limit.

The total budget may not exceed \$2,500. Examples of possible budget items are:

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

Note: The following costs are NOT allowed:

- Salary support for initiative leader
- Computers
- Travel (except travel to the EBP National Summit for the initiative leader)

IV. TIMELINE

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

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

V. HUMAN SUBJECTS ISSUES

Approval of human subjects for an evidence-based quality improvement initiative is often not needed. However, this is specific to each organization. Thus, all initiatives must follow their organization's expectation for review of EBP/QI initiatives and demonstrate that the initiative has gone through any required processes and has received leadership approval.

VI. BIOSKETCH DESCRIBING THE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCES OF THE APPLICANT AND INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

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

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

VII. COLLABORATORS/TEAM MEMBERS

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

Collaborators and consultants should submit a biosketch 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.

Review Process

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

SCORING CRITERIA

- Significance of the evidence-based quality improvement initiative is clear.
- Evidence-based quality improvement relates directly to a healthcare focus.
- Initiative is feasible in the proposed time frame.
- Proposed practice change, implementation, and evaluation plan to achieve the purpose is appropriate and sufficient detail is provided.
- Budget and justification are appropriate for the evidence-based quality improvement initiative.
- Proposal is well written and follows submission instructions.

Reporting Structure

INTERIM REPORT

Awardees are expected to submit an Interim Report at the 6 month interval to the Fuld Institute for EBP Proposal Review Committee. The report will be submitted online and should include:

- Progress Toward Achieving evidence-based quality improvement initiative goals/plans
- Financial Summary to Date
- Dissemination of Findings

FINAL REPORT

Awardees are expected to submit a Final Report to Fuld Institute for EBP Proposal Review Committee. The report will be submitted online and should include:

- Conclusions of the Work
- Recommendations
- Dissemination of Findings
- Financial Summary

PRESENTATION

Awardees are expected to present their initiative at the 2023 Fuld Institute for EBP National Summit (May 25-26) in Columbus, Ohio. The Fuld Institute for EBP will waive the conference registration fee for initiative leaders who present their winning grant initiative. Awardees will also be awarded a one-hour manuscript preparation consultation if they choose.