2017
BARBARA AND RICHARD CSOMAY GERONTOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD FOR STUDENTS AND POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Announcement date: August 22, 2017

1. Description
The purpose of this award is to enhance optimal health and well-being and improve care and treatment of older persons through research in diverse settings.

The Barbara and Richard Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence invites College of Nursing faculty to submit applications for seed grants to support research. The grants are provided by an endowment set up by Barbara and Richard Csomay. A total of $3,000 is available for awards this year.

2. Eligibility
Applicants must be a current student or post-doctoral scholar at the College of Nursing to be eligible. Applicants may submit only one application for this award as a primary investigator.

3. Application Procedure
The proposal should contain the following documents.
   I. Research Application Form
   II. Research Award Agreement
   III. A proposal of not more than three (3) pages
   IV. A proposed budget [Limit $3,000]

4. Submission Information
Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 2017. Proposals must be sent as a single email attachment to Darrin Thompson (492 CNB, Darrin-thompson-1@uiowa.edu). Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Awards will be announced on Monday, October 16, 2017. Projects must be completed by September 30, 2018. Any funds not spent by September 30, 2018 will revert to the College of Nursing.

5. Reporting Requirements
The PI will submit a final progress report to the Csomay Center. The report shall be submitted to the Center within one month of project completion.

The final report shall be no more than 2 pages in length, single-spaced, and use at least size 12-font. The report should describe how the project has met the funding opportunities purpose, provide an overview of project implementation - including achievements and challenges, and discuss the researcher’s plans for continued study in this area. The report should also provide a brief explanation of how funds were spent.

Recipients are expected to disseminate research findings and report outcomes to the Csomay Center. Efforts should also be made by the recipient to disseminate findings by poster or paper presentation at local, regional or national meeting and/or publication.
Recipients are asked to acknowledge the Barbara and Richard Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence in publications and presentations that result from this award. In addition, investigators are asked to notify Darrin Thompson (492 CNB, Darrin-thompson-1@uiowa.edu) of all publications, presentations, and subsequent grants related to this pilot work.

6. Review Criteria
All applications will be reviewed by an internal panel comprised of College of Nursing faculty. Applications will be ranked by all reviewers on a Review of Scientific Merit Form, and awards made in order of merit until funds are exhausted.
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APPLICATION FORM

Name
Address
Phone Email

RN License: State______________ #________________

Are you a student? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, what level?

Who is your advisor?

Project Title

Start Date Anticipated completion date

Amount of Funding Requested

RESEARCH AGREEMENT

If my proposal is approved by the Barbara and Richard Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence, I agree:

1. To use the award for the project as described in the application and return any excess funds to the Center.
2. If the project is not finished by projected completion date, remaining funds will be returned to the Center. (Projects are expected to be completed in one year, however under certain circumstances, extensions may be obtained from the Barbara and Richard Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence).
3. To submit a final progress report to the Csomay Center within one month of project completion.
4. To disseminate findings by poster or paper presentation at local, regional or national meeting and/or publication.
5. To acknowledge the assistance of the Barbara and Richard Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence in any appropriate way in connection with the completed project.
6. To present findings of the project at a Csomay Center meeting, if requested.

Date ___________________________ Signed ___________________________

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GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Your proposal narrative - not including the references, appendices and budget - should not exceed three (3) (single-spaced) pages and the budget;
2. The author's name should NOT appear on the proposal, but only on the attached application form.
3. Remember, to the degree that a proposal is succinct, accurate, quickly comprehended, and informative, it increases your chances of a favorable review.

PROPOSAL FORMAT
I. Problem, Specific Purpose, and Justification of the Study [1 PAGE]
   Give a brief overview that responds to the following.
   • Indicate the nature of the problem,
   • Describe how the proposed project addresses this funding opportunity’s purpose.
   • Describe how it relates to your field of interest and why you chose to investigate it.
   • Include a summary of any work done by you or others in this area and what is yet to be done.
   • Provide a concise statement of the purpose followed by specific aims or objectives, if appropriate.

II. Methodology [2 pages]
   State in clear logical terms exactly how the study is to be carried out. Elements to be included are:
   • Design: State the type of design you are using for your study.
   • Sample/Setting: Describe the sources that will provide the data needed to implement the study. These may include the population for sampling (number and characteristics), documentation, etc. note limitations.
   • Instruments and Procedures: Outline the procedure you propose to follow, including instruments to be used and precautions to take to insure objectivity, validity and reliability. Describe precautions to take to safeguard the rights and welfare of human subjects who may be involved.
   • Data Analyses: Give brief explanation of the plan or procedure you will follow in the treatment of the data. Include statistical measures to be used if applicable.

III. References

IV. Time Line
   Estimate the time it will take you to complete the study and include what activities you will carry out during that time.

V. Estimated Budget (one page only)
   Describe how money will be spent.

VI. Appendices

NOT PART OF THE 3 PAGE LIMIT