NANCY STENCE CREASON YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

**Purpose:** The Nancy Stence Creason Young Scientist Award is a competitive and selective program to mentor exceptional students who have a high potential for careers as nurse scientists. In this program, the student is integrated into an ongoing clinical research program and is introduced to the nursing science community.

**Expectations:** Students will participate in activities central to the research project for a minimum of two semesters. The faculty mentor and the student will agree upon the specific expectations (e.g., weekly meetings, completion of research project assignments). A written endorsement from the mentor will be submitted to the Research Office for record keeping. The student time commitment should average, at a minimum, 120 hours towards the research project.

Students will receive up to $1,500 (for travel, registration, hotel and per diem) to attend a professional meeting pertinent to the research project. When possible, the student should travel with other members of the research team, and should be actively included in presentations and research-related discussions.

Students who receive the award will write an introductory letter and annual letters about their experiences to Nancy Stence Creason. The coordinator of the program will provide advice regarding how to compose the letter.

Students may choose to register for 1 to 3 credits of Independent Study or Honors Independent Study. If the student chooses to do so, the student is responsible for credit hour tuition.

**Application Process:**
- A call for applications is posted early spring semester and applications are due by and April 1st
  *Applications are sent to the Research Office (c/o Nancy Goldsmith).

**Students submit**
- Application form
- Goal statement (no longer than two pages) describing student’s career interests and professional goals as they relate to the Young Scientist Award.
- Print-out of grades from ISIS
- An endorsement from the proposed faculty mentor describing the research project and confirming the faculty member’s commitment to mentoring the student
**Student selection and matching process**

- With the assistance of the Young Scientist coordinator, students will interview with a proposed mentor before completing the application and obtain a faculty endorsement.
- The coordinator of the Nancy Creason Young Scientist Award reviews applications and endorsements from potential mentors.
- Students are selected based on their academic record, faculty endorsement, leadership potential and career goals. Interest in pursuing doctoral education is encouraged.

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