

NAON Past Presidents Quality/Process Improvement Grant

Purpose

To advance the specialty of orthopaedic nursing by supporting the development of evidence supported quality/process improvement (QI/PI) initiatives aimed at improving outcomes.

Grant

The grant provides up to \$1500 for Quality/Process Improvement Project(s) that will benefit Orthopaedic nursing. The grant will cover potential project costs of supplies and project conduction, staff, and statistical analysis. The amount of the grant will be based on needed funding for the project along with other sources of funding identified.

Eligibility

1. Must be a NAON member and remain a NAON member throughout the term of the project
2. Must have a minimum of 3 years in orthopaedic nursing practice
3. Must have a minimum of a BSN (required) but a Master's in nursing preferred
4. Must have demonstrated leadership responsibilities for evidence-based practice
5. Must select orthopaedic related Quality/Process Improvement topic/project

Expectation of Recipients

As a condition of receiving this scholarship it is required, that within 12 months after completion of project, the candidate will disseminate results in at least one of the following ways.

1. Present a session at a NAON Congress
2. Submit an article on the QI/PI project for publication in *Orthopaedic Nursing*.
3. Present a poster at a NAON Congress
4. Dissemination in whatever format will acknowledge funding by the NAON Past Presidents' grant.

Criteria, Required Documentation

1. Candidate will be required to complete the demographic application information and all information as outlined here.
2. Candidate will submit proof of nursing licensure, current NAON membership and all current certifications with expiration dates.
3. Candidate will provide a description of how their practice involves and impacts orthopedic nursing (Less than 300 words)
4. Candidate will submit a structured description of their project using the sections below
 - a. Title
 - b. Background of the problem/gap analysis
 - c. Purpose of the Project
 - d. Methodology/Process of the Project
 - e. Estimated Timeline
5. Candidate will submit a current CV outlining education, clinical practice, leadership positions, and work with quality improvement projects and evidence-based practice.
6. Candidate will submit a personal statement to include the following:
 - a. Explain the value of the proposed project and expected impact on orthopaedic nursing.
 - b. How this grant will support this project and personal and professional goals.
7. Candidate will submit two (2) letters of recommendation from health care professionals describing professional interactions with the candidate and examples of the candidate's

professional commitment to orthopaedic nursing and leadership qualifications for this scholarship

8. Candidate will submit a budget for the proposed project, including estimated costs for supplies and personnel, conduction of the project, and data analysis; budget will include any other sources of funding the candidate has or is seeking.
9. Candidate will submit a statement of which educational contribution listed below they are planning to choose and why
 - a. Present a session at a NAON Congress.
 - b. Submit an article for publication in *Orthopaedic Nursing*.
 - c. Present a poster at a NAON Congress
10. Candidate will submit an e-mail address to acknowledge receipt of this application and all correspondence.

Selection

1. All candidates and the recipient will be notified by a representative of the NAON Research Committee.
2. Funds will be dispersed upon awarding and acceptance of the grant
3. Candidate will submit an update report on the progress of the project at 6 months and 12 months, to the NAON Research Committee
 - a. The format for these reports will be sent to the awardee(s).
 - b. Reports will need to include detailed information how funds have been used.
4. Failure to complete the program will require re-payment of all disbursed funds to the NAON Research Committee.
5. Any unused funds will need to be returned to the NAON Research Committee

Follow the submission instructions below

- **Application Submission Deadline**
 - April 1, 2024
- **Submission address:**
 - cmori@metrohealth.org
- **For Questions, contact:**
 - cmori@metrohealth.org
- **Incomplete, faxed, and/or late submissions will not be considered.**

