Grants and Mentorship: A Mutually Beneficial Partnership

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WHY WRITE A GRANT?

- Conduct, promote, disseminate research or evidence-based project or similar
  - New studies/projects
  - Replication studies/projects

- Advancement of career
  - Build and add to funding history

- Add to body of scientific/evidence-based nursing and health care literature
SMALL GRANTS

Benefits (Examples)
- Instrument development
- Pilot studies/Smaller scale studies
- Smaller budgetary needs
- Completion of doctoral research/evidence-based project (Not education costs)
- Build funding history
Sigma Theta Tau International Grants (Examples)

- Small Grants
  - Doris Bloch Research Award
  - Rosemary Berkel Crisp Research Award
  - Virginia Henderson Clinical Research Grant
  - Joan K. Stout, RN, Research Grant
Sigma Theta Tau International
Co-Sponsored
Partner Grants (Examples)

- Alpha Eta Collaborative Research Grant
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses Grant
- American Association of Diabetes Educators Grant
  - American Nurses’ Foundation Grant
  - Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
- Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses Grant
Co-Sponsored Partner Grants (Con’t)

- Canadian Nurses’ Foundation Grant
- Council of Advancement of Nursing Science Grant
- Educational Assessment Nursing Research Grant
- Emergency Nurses Association Foundation Grant
- Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant
Co-Sponsored Partner Grants (Con’t)

- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End of Life Nursing Care Research Grant
- Midwest Nursing Research Society Research Grant
  - National League for Nursing
  - Oncology Nursing Society Grant
  - Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation Grant
- The Long-Term Care Point-of-Care Diagnostics Research Grant
- Western Institute of Nursing Research Grant
WHY HAVE A MENTOR?

- Gain expert advice/guidance/direction/critique/feedback
- Learn from other’s experiences, both positive and negative (Success vs Failure/Rejection)
- Obtain other perspectives/broaden perspectives
- Explore career possibilities/options
- Advance career
MENTORSHIP

- Be a mentor
- Find a mentor
- Create a partnership
- Complete partnership
UTILIZING MENTORSHIP TO BUILD YOUR GRANT WRITING ABILITIES/FUNDING HISTORY

- **Goals**
  - What do you want to accomplish?
  - What are your short term and more long term goals?

- **Questions to Pose**
  - Do you currently have a mentor?
  - Are there experts in grant writing/funding opportunities in your professional work environment?
  - Have you thought about finding a mentor via Sigma mentorship program?

- **Expected Outcomes**
  - Write a small grant...a great first step
    - Sigma Grants
    - Other
UTILIZING GRANTS TO BUILD MENTORSHIP IN YOUR PROGRAM

- **Goals**
  - What do you want to accomplish?
  - Is interest in mentorship for specific population of individuals (i.e. clinical faculty) or for program as whole (i.e. students, faculty, alumni, etc)

- **Questions to Pose**
  - Do you currently have any mentorship activities/program?
  - Do you have experts that are able/desire to be mentors?
  - Do you have individuals/groups in your professional work environment that would benefit from a mentorship program?
  - Do you have financial resources to support mentorship activities/program?
  - Have you thought about writing a grant for funding to support mentorship activities/program?
Expected Outcomes

- Develop a mentorship program for your specific needs
  - Contact Sigma to be a collaborator/partner in this effort
- Write a small grant to augment financial support for program
  - Sigma Grants
  - Other
- Evaluate mentorship activities/program
  - Research
  - Disseminate
How to Access Sigma Resources

- Utilize The Circle to access Career Center/Mentorship Opportunities/Ask Questions and Receive Responses/Network
- Access Small Grants Opportunities via Sigma website
- Virginia Henderson Global Nursing Repository
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