



Call for Proposals: *Health Equity Nursing Research Grant*

Issued by: *AWHONN Research*

Application Deadline: July 31, 2026

Funding Amount: Up to \$24,000

Funding Period: 12 – 24 months

Application: [Health Equity Nursing Research Application](#)

Overview

AWHONN is pleased to announce a competitive research grant opportunity aimed at advancing the field of nursing through **health equity research**. This grant seeks to support high-impact nursing research that explores, evaluates, or implements novel solutions and/or innovative practices to enhance health equity.

Objectives

The primary objective of this grant program is to encourage **nurse-led research** that will improve outcomes for women, pregnant people, newborns, and families using a health equity lens.

Eligibility Criteria

- The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a registered nurse with a graduate degree (i.e., Master's, DNP, EdD, PhD) and a demonstrated record of research experience.
 - Multidisciplinary teams are encouraged, but the PI must be a nurse and play a leading role in the conceptualization and execution of the project.
- The research must have or will have IRB approval.
- The PI must be an AWHONN member for at least 1 year prior to submitting an application.
- The PI and research institution/organization must be located within the United States and US territories.

AWHONN Research Priorities

Proposals must align with [AWHONN Research Priorities](#).

Priority I

Build the science of neonatal, obstetrical, reproductive, and women's health care, through the discovery and translation of evidence-based strategies that promote respectful person-centered care and addresses health inequities as a way of promoting maternal and neonatal outcomes.



Priority I addresses practices that relate to areas of greatest need for women, newborns, and families, and for which AWHONN-supported research can have the largest impact. The examples provided are not meant to be an inclusive list.

- Addressing psychosocial issues that affect the health of women, newborns, and families.
- Supporting efforts to reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality, particularly in Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA+, patients with mental health or substance use disorders, domestic violence, and/or rural populations.
- Addressing the impact of social determinants of health in equitable health care and health outcomes.
- Promoting optimal neonatal adaptation.
- Promoting optimal sexual and reproductive health.
- Addressing Trauma-Informed Care, such as intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual assault, human trafficking, current or prior birth trauma in pregnancy and delivery.
- Any complications that result in increased maternal neonatal mortality and morbidity such as infectious diseases, sepsis, hemorrhage, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).
- Implementing a multidisciplinary approach to team communication creating a safe, just culture to include shared decision-making with patients and families.

Priority II

Maintain a strong commitment to interdisciplinary and collaborative research training of current and next genera on nurse clinicians, educators, leaders, and scientists to address existing and impending health care challenges facing women, newborns, and families.

Priority II addresses activities that provide support for the professional development of healthcare professionals that include, but not limited to:

- Technology implementation or enhancement projects.
- Innovative interdisciplinary practice education projects, including simulation.
- Collaborative research projects with interdisciplinary professionals.

Priority III

Evaluate the impact of educational materials, programs, and resources on patient and/or nursing outcomes through collaborative research, translational research, and implementation science.

Priority III addresses the impact of educational resources on patient or nursing outcomes.

Funding and Duration

- Up to \$24,000 will be awarded.
- Funding period: 12 – 24 months to completion of project.
- The full award will be delivered upon award. Progress reports (every 6 months) and a final close-out report will be required.



Proposal Requirements

Each application must include the following:

1. Applicant information including a completed biosketch using the provided [Biosketch TEMPLATE.docx](#)
2. Proposal title
3. Abstract (2,000 character limit)
4. Proposal document upload
 - APA 7th edition guidelines for citations and references
 - Do not exceed 10 pages.
 - Upload as a PDF
 - Page setup:
 - Standard letter size pages (8.5 x 11 inches)
 - 1-inch margins
 - Font size: 11-12 points
 - Font type: Standard typefaces (i.e., Aptos, Arial, Helvetica, Georgia)
 - Density: No more than 15 characters per linear inch.
 - Line spacing: 1.5 spacing.
 - Sections include the following in order:
 - Background and significance
 - Specific Aims
 - Methods
 - Outcomes to be measured
 - Projected impact
 - Timeline
 - Feasibility and sustainability
 - Budget and justification
 - Include a line-item budget and a narrative budget to describe funding allocation.
 - References
5. IRB documentation
6. Letter(s) of institutional or organizational support
7. Dissemination plan



Review Process

The Research Advisory Panel will review applications based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and technical merit
- Innovation and originality
- Relevance to nursing practice and patient outcomes
- Feasibility and methodological rigor
- Qualifications of the applicant
- Potential for scalability and broader impact

Application Submission

All proposals must be submitted by **July 31, 2026**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Notification of Award

Awarded applicants will be notified in **October 2026**. Research may commence upon finalization of funding agreements.

Questions? research@awhonn.org