

**Research Grant 2020 - 2021
Request for Proposal**

**A Proposal to
The Versant Center for the Advancement of Nursing, LLC
from the
Association for Leadership Science in Nursing (ALSN)**

SUBMISSION DUE DATE: February 3, 2020

This year ALSN is excited to announce a \$10,000 research grant opportunity sponsored by the Versant Center for the Advancement of Nursing (VCAN[®]). VCAN is committed to providing support for nursing research activities that measure nurses' contribution and impact on patient outcomes in the following areas:

- Patient Safety and Quality
- Optimizing Staffing Practices
- Leadership Development and Education
- Economic Value of Nursing
- Design and Testing of New Future Practice and Care Delivery Systems
- Testing of Innovative Clinical or Leadership Solutions

One \$10,000 grant will be awarded

Eligibility:

- ALSN members who are senior researchers with a strength in nursing administrative and leadership science or junior researchers interested in nursing administration and leadership science who will be mentored by a senior researcher.
- Applicants must be current with their ALSN dues. Other interested researchers may apply for the award so long as the grant proposal is accompanied by the membership application and ALSN dues.
- Research must be completed within two calendar years.
- Recipients must agree to present at the 2022 ALSN conference.
- All Institutional approvals must be received prior to release of funds.

Notification of Award: Recipients will be notified of the grant award and the award will then be announced on the ALSN website no later than March 15, 2020. The award recipient will also be recognized on the ALSN website and/or at the annual conference.

Funding: Fifty percent of the Grant will be awarded on March 15, 2020. The remaining 50% will be awarded after a mid-grant Interim Review or upon need-based petition by the Grantee.

Application: Provide an electronic copy (Microsoft Word) of the entire application. The application should consist of a maximum of 6 single-spaced pages (1 inch margins; Times New Roman or Arial 12-point font; and APA formatting) and include:

Page 1: Cover Page

- ◆ Investigator(s) name, title, department, school affiliation, address, telephone, number and e-mail address.
- ◆ Project Title

Pages 2 - 6: Research Plan

- ◆ **Purpose of the project:** including research question(s)/hypothesis and/or aim(s)

- ◆ **Background and significance of the project:** Describe the most significant and current state of the research in this field of study. Articulate the study's relevance to VCAN research priorities and to nursing administration/health systems practice.

- ◆ **Innovation:** Describe how this study will add to the current body of knowledge and potential future research studies

- ◆ **Methods:**
 - ◆ Research design
 - ◆ Sample/subjects
 - ◆ Data collection
 - ◆ Methodological rigor (reliability, validity, trustworthiness)
 - ◆ Data analysis plans

- ◆ **Plans for protection of human subjects**

- ◆ **Projected timetable for accomplishing the plan of action**

- ◆ **Budget and brief budget justification**

Additional pages to be included:

- ◆ A list of references cited in the proposal
- ◆ Appendix with instruments to be used in the study
 - ◆ Proof of author permission for use of proposed instruments
- ◆ Short (2 –3) page Curriculum Vitae (may use federal forms, such as the NIH biosketch form) for each investigator
- ◆ Identification of any other funding sources for this project
- ◆ Letter of support from the organization where research will be conducted

Review Criteria: Applications will be evaluated based on alignment with VCAN and ALSN research priorities, study significance, methods, feasibility, budget, potential for future funding and overall clarity. It is the researcher's responsibility to present the proposal in a clear and logical fashion, to make a convincing case for the significance of the work and to present sufficient detail about the research plans so that an adequate evaluation of the proposal can be made.

Questions: Email Dr. Esther Chipps at Chipps.1@osu.edu . Please put ALSN grant submission in subject line.

ALSN-funded Investigator Responsibilities: ALSN research award recipients are required to:

- (a) Obtain IRB approval prior to the conduct of the research and file a copy of that approval with the ALSN Research Committee.
- (b) Conduct the research as proposed.
- (c) Manage their budgets and expend the grant funds in accordance with the proposed budget and grant guidelines.
- (d) Submit progress report by **February 28, 2021**
- (e) Submit final grant report at the end of the project or **by February 28, 2022**
- (f) Present findings to date (poster presentation or completed study as podium presentation) at the 2022 ALSN meeting.
- (g) Cite VCAN as funding source on all publications and presentations related to the study. The ALSN Research Award Committee strongly recommends publication of study findings to contribute to the body of nursing knowledge