

**Sigma Theta Tau International  
Mu Theta at Large Chapter  
Research Grant Application Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal Investigator \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registered nurse in state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

Sigma Theta Tau Member  Yes  No Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ --- \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Sigma Theta Tau International Research Awards:**

None:

Chapter:

International:

Have you applied for or are now receiving support for this research?  Yes  No

If yes, list agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount request/received: \_\_\_\_\_

Human subjects review?  Yes  No Consent form included in proposal?  Yes  No

Co-investigator?  Yes  No If Yes, CV attached

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

**Information completed by student(s)**

Degree sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify the amount of the program completed to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Courses completed are listed in Part III-C of the proposal \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Research Advisor, academic credentials (attach CV) and qualifications:

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Letter from advisor is included in Part III of the proposal:

Total amount of budget requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the materials accompanying this application:

Research Grant Agreement

Research Grant Proposal

Other \_\_\_\_\_

This section below is to be completed by the Chapter.

Approval date: \_\_\_\_\_

Award granted: \_\_\_\_\_

Mu Theta Chapter Research Committee Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Progress Reports:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Study completed (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Final report and presentation given (date) \_\_\_\_\_



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Research Proposal Guidelines**

**Title and Abstract**

A title page and 100-word abstract are to accompany the proposal. The abstract should include the hypothesis, the specific variables and their measurements, the population and sample description and a statement of the design and analysis.

**Proposal Outline**

The following areas are to be included in a proposal. American Psychological Association style of documentation is preferred.

Empirical Research Proposal

Part I The Problem

- a. Statement of the problem or research questions
- b. Hypotheses
- c. Definition of variables – theoretical and operational definitions (instruments)
- d. Theoretical framework and population
- e. Significance to nursing science

Part II Methodology

- a. Design
- b. Instrument reliability and validity
- c. Data collection procedure including official human subject reviews if conducted and a consent form
- d. Sample, size and sampling procedure
- e. Method of analysis

Part III Bibliography and Appendixes

- a. Bibliography and reference list
- b.** Include letters, forms and instruments in the appendixes
- c.** Investigator(s) curriculum vitae

Part IV Budget – Detail the Amount

- a. Personnel
- b. Supplies
- c. Equipment
- d. Travel
- e. Computer
- f. Other

## **Historical Research Proposal**

### **Part I Author's Competency**

- a. Has formal preparation in historical research?  
(Especially important to ensure checks of validity and reliability of data)
- b. Has knowledge about the time period(s) involved in the proposed study?
- c. Has knowledge about pertinent field related to the proposed study? (e.g. economics, philosophy, anthropology)

### **Part II Subject To Be Studied**

- a. Is it unique or is it an outgrowth of history already written?
- b. Is there justification for the study?
- c. Is the planned scope of the subject precise and clearly defined in the title? (There is generally no problem statement developed for a historical research study.)
- d. Is there a possibility that it will serve as a foundation for further study?
- e. Is it of reasonable manageable scope?

### **Part III Sources**

- a. Has a preliminary bibliography been included?
- b. Have repositories of data been listed?
- c. Is there evidence that the researcher will have access to additional potential repositories of data?
- d. Are sources balanced? (e.g. primary vs. secondary, government vs. private, professional vs. lay)
- e. If oral history is to be conducted, is a sample legal release to establish right to handle, disseminate and publish interview material included?

### **Part IV Approach**

- a. Is tentative outline organized so that it develops according to recognizable plan/framework/design?
- b. Are questions posed which will elicit the essential elements of the study? (e.g. ones that ask what, when, how, why where and what of it?)
- c. Will topic be developed within a sufficiently full context? (e.g. cultural, social and temporal milieu)

### **Part V Writing Style**

- a. Does it demonstrate a clear, exact and interesting style?
- b. Does it demonstrate ability to organize and logically articulate ideas?

### **Part VI Funding Requested**

- a. Are the terms of funding consistent with scholarly integrity?
- b. Is the allocation of funds consistent with the goals of the research?

## **Qualitative Research Proposal**

### **Part I Introduction and Specific Aims**

- a. Purpose of the study
- b. Background and significance
- c. Research question and sub-questions.
- d. State type of data is needed to provide evidence for research question(s)
- e. State what you will collect data on: behaviors to observe, issues to look for in documents (interview/observation guide), other.
- f. Rationale for qualitative method chosen. Why chosen method allows you to answer your research questions.
- g. Previous work by study author in qualitative research.

### **Part II Review of the Literature**

- a. Pertinent literature that relates to the research question(s)
- b. Statement of lack of related literature
- c. Statement of discussion with experts on the research topic.

### **Part III Sample Population**

- a. Specific type of population chosen.
- b. Rationale for choosing sample population
- c. Feasibility of obtaining adequate sample population
- d. Recruitment of sample population - Compensation

### **Part IV Data Collection**

- a. Data collection procedure/steps
- b. Rationale for chosen procedure

### **Part V Data Analysis**

- a. Type of data analysis
- b. Rationale for type of data analysis process
- c. Type of equipment/programs used in data analysis
- d. Validation steps in data analysis process
- e. Interpretation of data

**Part VI Ethical Aspects of Conducting a Qualitative Research Study**

- a. Informed Consent
- b. Confidentiality and Privacy
- c. Storage of files – destruction of data
- d. Appropriate IRB approval
- e. Appropriate HIPPA approval

**Part VII Study Limitations**

**Part VIII Significance of Study**

**Part IX Funded Sources**

- a. Copy of Awards granted, to date.

**Part X Bibliography and Appendices**

- a. Correspondence to subjects
- b. Recruitment data
- c. Interview Guide (if applicable)
- d. Informed Consent
- e. Approval of IRB with HIPPA documentation
- f. Approval from sources to use study documents
- g. Other

***Sigma Theta Tau  
International  
Honor Society of Nursing  
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***Research Grant***

*Mu Theta at Large Chapter offers one Research Grant every year. The deadline (every year) for the Chair-person to receive your application and other necessary documents is*

***The first Friday of March***

*For questions and more information, please e-mail Dr. Kathleen Fagan at [fagank@felician.edu](mailto:fagank@felician.edu).*

*E-mail or send application and other documents to:*

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