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We are excited to announce a special funding opportunity to support pilot projects aimed at understanding nursing as part of the process for transforming models of care. We are accepting proposals that 1) identify key relationships between nursing and healthcare quality and safety or 2) implement quality and safety initiatives relevant to nursing.

Projects should address one or more of the six aims identified by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) for improving the healthcare system. These aims include care that is: safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable.

Two categories of applications will be considered.

**Category 1 – Emory School of Nursing (SON) faculty-led** pilot projects focusing on identifying relationships between nursing and patient and financial outcomes. These pilot projects should represent preliminary, preparatory or feasibility studies designed to assess applicability of new technologies, protocols, instruments, or other components of healthcare quality improvement initiatives as stepping stones toward a full investigation. We recognize the critical need for start-up, feasibility or proof of concept. Projects in the acute care and ambulatory care settings will be considered.

Examples of topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Nurse-led care models that improve access, quality and reduce health care costs.
- Examination of care quality through use of clinical registries and nurse- (NDNQI) and patient-reported (HCAHPS) measures.
- Interdisciplinary care models that address social determinants and health care equity.
- Impact of nurse practitioner-led teams on patient safety and nurse and patient outcomes.
- Nurse-patient assignment models that improve care delivery and outcomes.

**Eligibility:** Full-time faculty from the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing (NHWSN) may submit Category 1 proposals. Proposals in partnership with a student engaged in research (e.g., PhD, DNP, and/or BSN honors students and/or post-doctoral trainees) are encouraged.

**Funding:** We will fund up to two Category 1 proposals for a maximum of \$15,000 each in total direct costs. Funded investigators have additional access to up to five (5) hours per week of expertise from the SON Center for Data Science.

**Category 2 – Emory Healthcare nurse-led** pilot projects focused on implementation of quality and safety initiatives related to nursing, including new models of care (e.g., patient-centered care, transitional care, team-based / integrative care).

**Eligibility:** Projects must be co-led by an Emory Healthcare nurse and an Emory SON faculty member. The Center for Data Science can connect Emory Healthcare nurses to faculty and vice versa.

**Funding:** We will fund up to two Category 2 proposals for a maximum of \$15,000 each in total direct costs. Funded investigators have additional access to up to five (5) hours per week of expertise from the SON Center for Data Science.

**Application Support for First-Time Investigators:** Emory Healthcare nurses interested in applying are welcome to contact us for assistance finding faculty partners and/or discussing your research proposal ideas.

**Timeline** (for both categories of awards):

November 15, 2018 – Proposals Due  
January 1, 2019 – Start Date  
April 30, 2019 – Progress Report Due

June 30, 2019 – End Date (**Investigators may NOT apply for a no-cost extension.**)  
July 31, 2019 – Final Report Due

## Application Information

Applicants should submit the materials listed below in one PDF file to Gina Critchet at [gina.m.critchett@emory.edu](mailto:gina.m.critchett@emory.edu) no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 15, 2018:

1. **Cover page:** Indicate the title of proposal, category of proposal (1 or 2), names and credentials of Principal Investigator (and multiple PI for Category 2 proposals) to be engaged in the project.
2. **3-page research proposal:** Include three sections that succinctly describe the following:
  - Innovative goal to be achieved; why the problem is important; and how the proposed project is novel and not merely an extension of previously funded or published work.
  - Approach to be pursued during the six months of funding.
  - Expected impact of the proposed project beyond the initial funded phase, including what future work would be enabled and how the effort would be sustained. Proposals should detail data to be used and how it will be amassed, managed, and analyzed.

**Formatting:** The research proposal is limited to three (3) pages. Sections listed above can be distributed as necessary over these pages to describe the proposed activity. Proposal margins should be no less than 0.5" on all sides, and the proposal should be written using 11-point Arial as the font. Proposals exceeding the 3-page limit will not be reviewed and returned to sender.

3. **A minimal, one-page budget:** Describe how the funding will be allocated (in particular how it will be allocated between the investigators) and how it will be apportioned for any non-faculty personnel, supplies, and equipment. Any budget amount up to \$15,000 for category 1 and category 2 projects can be proposed. No indirect costs should be included in the budget. Funding may be requested for salaries for study staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, and other study-related personnel. Faculty salary support should not be included. Funds may also be requested for travel and activities associated with writing an AHRQ/HRSA/NIH proposal based on project findings and/or attending meetings to establish collaborations or to present project-related data. Supported travel must be completed within the funding period.
4. **An NIH-style biosketch for each principal investigator:** Include all current and pending support from all sponsored and non-sponsored sources. Each biosketch is limited to four pages.  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
5. **Name of the File:** The following file naming convention must be used for your PDF document:  
*investigator\_last\_name.investigator\_first\_name.pdf*

**Failure to follow these instructions will result in your application being returned and not reviewed. Applicants will be notified by December 15, 2018 if their proposal has been accepted for funding.**

## Progress Reports

Awardees are required to submit periodic progress reports, with a mid-term progress report due on April 30, 2019 and a final report due on July 31, 2019.

For all application and scientific questions, please contact: Jeannie Cimiotti PhD, [Jeannie.p.cimiotti@emory.edu](mailto:Jeannie.p.cimiotti@emory.edu)

We look forward to seeing your innovative and collaborative ideas.

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