PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Purpose
The purpose of the palliative care research development awards is to promote high-quality, innovative and cutting-edge scientific research in improving palliative and end-of-life care by providing means to generate preliminary data to develop and sustain a program of palliative and end-of-life care research.

Funding level
Research project awards
1) One award with an amount of up to $15,000
2) One PhD dissertation research award with an amount of up to $5,000

Translational, implementation DNP project award
1) One DNP project with an amount of up to $5,000

Eligibility
For faculty research project awards,
1) PI must be a full-time faculty.
2) There should be no more than 2 PIs. If the multiple PI mechanism is proposed, at least one PI must be faculty in the School of Nursing.
3) PI(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research
Junior faculty are especially encouraged to submit applications and will receive a priority.

For dissertation research or DNP project award, doctoral students in the School of Nursing, who have successfully defended their proposals, are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Evaluation
All applications will be reviewed by an external review committee. Requests for pilot funding will be evaluated based on the following criteria*:
1. The significance of the proposed work to palliative and end-of-life care;
2. The feasibility of completing proposed aims with the methods described;
3. The scientific rigor;
4. The likelihood that providing pilot funding will lead to future external funding.

Directions for Submission
1. First, inform the Office of Nursing Research about your intent to submit; proposal initiation form can be completed online at http://www.nursing.emory.edu/faculty-and-research/onr/proposal-initiation-form.html
2. A 3-page document must include:
   1) Specific Aims section: up to ½ page
   2) A short description of the research problem addressed by the proposed study and the current state of the science in that area: up to ½ page
   3) A brief description of the methods to accomplish the proposed aims: up to 1 page
   4) A short description of how receiving pilot funding will support a future application for external funding to advance the science in that area: up to ½ page
   5) Quarterly milestones/deliverables: ½ page
6) (for pilot research applications) If multiple PIs are proposed, provide scientific justifications: an additional ½ page.

3. NIH biosketches (for faculty PIs only)

*The Center Director may provide consultation on project development.

Budget
On a separate page, provide a breakdown of the budget requested. Salary for the PI is not allowed and modifications to your budget may be suggested by the reviewers. If applicable, identify any other funding resources to conduct the proposed pilot study.

Due Date
All proposals must be submitted electronically (in one PDF package) to the Center for Nursing Excellence in Palliative Care by December 30, 2018.

Notice of Award
Notice of Award for pilot funding will be announced by January 30, 2018. Funds may be released upon IRB approval.

Terms of Award
1. A brief progress report on accomplished milestones must be submitted to the Center every 6 months. If there is any delay in progress, barriers and strategies to address those barriers should be described.
2. One time, a 6-month extension may be granted if justified.
3. Any presentation and publications of the study shall acknowledge the funding source, “Palliative Care Research Development Awards, Center for Nursing Excellence in Palliative Care (Center for NEPC), Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University.”
4. Awardees are expected to present the study findings at an upcoming Center for NEPC Annual Conference.