

# 2018 RESEARCH GRANTS FOR NURSES



**Three (3) research grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded.** Applications will be accepted from active HFSA members who are Masters or Doctoral students, or early career investigators within 7 years of receiving their doctoral degree. HFSA membership must be maintained for the duration of the 2-year grant. Presentation of the results at the HFSA Scientific Sessions is expected by the second year.

The criteria are as follows:

1. The research must be original, related to heart failure and have a nursing focus.
2. Include a budget and justification (only direct costs allowed). Travel is limited to \$1,500 annually. Memberships in professional organizations are excluded.
3. Research Plan (PDF)

Maximum of 6 pages excluding references, 11-point font, single-spaced, 1 inch margins all around. Submit as a PDF file.

- Specific aims (1 page) - Provide a concise summary of the aims of the work and hypotheses
  - Background and significance (1 page) - Describe the background leading to this proposal. Summarize important results and gaps this research is intended to fill. Link significance of the project to heart failure, nursing, and patient outcomes
  - Preliminary studies (1/2 page) - Describe any preliminary work related to the proposal. Include pilot studies showing the work is feasible. (If none, state none)
  - Research design and methods (3 pages) - Describe proposed design, sampling, procedures, measures, and statistical and or qualitative analysis planned. Include a time-line for the study
  - Ethical aspects (1/4 to 1/2 a page) - Describe any ethical issues anticipated, human subject protection and risk management.
4. Submit a biosketch in NIH format for principal investigator, collaborators, mentors, and consultants as appropriate.
  5. Submit institutional letters of support in relation to capacity to complete proposed study and access to population of interest.
  6. Submit your **W-9 form**
  7. Submit a facilities and research project environment form (**see form on page 3**)

**Research grant applications are due by May 31, 2018 and can be sent to [satterbury@hfsa.org](mailto:satterbury@hfsa.org).  
Awardees will be notified by July 2nd.**

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## PEER REVIEW CRITERIA

To judge the merit of the application, reviewers will comment on the following criteria. Please be sure that you fully address these in your proposal.

- **Significance:** Does this study address an important problem broadly related to heart failure? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge or clinical practice be advanced? What will be the effect of these studies on the concepts, methods and technologies that drive this field?
- **Approach:** Are the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, well-reasoned and feasible (as determined by preliminary data) and appropriate to the aims of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?
- **Innovation:** Is the project original and innovative? For example: Does the project challenge existing paradigms and address an innovative hypothesis or critical barrier to progress in the field? Does the project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools or technologies for this area?
- **Investigator:** Is the investigator appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other researchers? Does the investigative team bring complementary and integrated expertise to the project (if applicable)?
- **Environment:** Does the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Do the proposed studies benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, or subject populations, or employ useful collaborative arrangements? Is there evidence of institutional support?
- **Impact:** How does this project relate to nursing and patients with heart failure? How does this project support the mission of the Heart Failure Society of America?

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## FACILITIES AND RESEARCH PROJECT ENVIRONMENT

Applicant's Name:

### Facilities

(Specify the facilities to be used for the conduct of the proposed research. Indicate the performance sites and describe capacities, pertinent capabilities, relative proximity, and extent of availability to the project.)

### Laboratory

### Clinical

### Animal

### Computer

### Office

### Other

### Major Equipment

(List the most important items already available to this project, noting the location and pertinent capabilities of each.)