Nursing Research Grants Made in 2021

After a year’s hiatus, the American Nurses Foundation took the Nursing Research Grants program in a new direction in 2021. Rather than a singular annual RFP, the Foundation issued separate targeted calls for proposals over the course of the year and made some commissioned research grants. These grants, though fewer in number than previous years, were larger in size, and more strategically targeted to address topics that are essentially pertinent at this time, and consistent with the ANA Enterprise strategic plan, Foundation core interests, and the purposes of endowed funds.

With support from the Maine Nursing Research Grant Fund, Carla E. Randall, PhD, RN, CNE and Cynthia S. Randall, DNP, RN, CHSE, of University of Southern Maine were awarded $1,900 for “The Use of Critical Incident Videos to Address Nursing Faculty Challenges in Teaching: A National Pilot Study.”

In partnership with the AONL Foundation for Nursing Leadership Research and Education, two $10,000 grants were made for research on nursing leaderships’ impact on and response to the coronavirus pandemic and nursing leadership’s role in advancing health equity and eliminating disparities.

- From the Joyce J. Fitzpatrick Leadership Research Endowment, to Jessica Peterson, PhD, RN, and her team at the Center for Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Research at Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, for “Nurses’ Experiences During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Examining Nurse Leader Impact and Staff Redeployment.
- From the Foundation’s Nursing Research Grant Program Fund, to Alyson Keen, MSN, RN, at Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, for “Building Human Connection During the Merger of Two Global Pandemics.”

With support from the Margareta Madden Styles Credentialing Research Endowment, awarded $25,000 to Marianne Weiss, DNSc, RN at Marquette University College of Nursing, and Mary E. Johantgen, PhD, RN, of University of Maryland, Baltimore (retired) for “Nurse Certification Data for Certification Research: A Survey of Magnet, Pathway to Excellence, and Certifying Bodies Practices in Collecting Specialty Certification Data.”

With support from the Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation program, awarded $28,627 to Lindsey Steege, PhD at University of Wisconsin-Madison and Knar Sagherian, PhD at University of Tennessee, Knoxville for “Sleep and Fatigue during COVID-19 in Health Care Workers (SAFE-CARE) Study 2.”

Created in partnership by the American Nurses Foundation and the ASHP Foundation, with support from the Stryker Medical Research Award and the Sayre Memorial Scholar Fund, the Collaborative Care Grant for Nurses and Pharmacists awarded $75,000 over 18 months to Jennifer Kliner, CRNP, ACNP-BD and James C. Coons, PharmD, Co-Principal Investigators at University of Pittsburgh, for “Achieving Medication Optimization for Patients with Heart Failure through an Innovative Nurse-Pharmacist Collaboration.”

With guidance from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and support from the Credentialing Research Endowment for Nursing and the Margareta Madden Styles Credentialing Research Endowment, $223,864 over three years was granted to Olga Yakuheva, PhD at University of Michigan and Ronda G. Hughes, PhD, MHS, RN, FAAN at University of South Carolina for “The Impact of Specialty Registered Nurse Certification on Patient Outcomes and Costs in Acute Care.”