New grant to support research focused on nursing care in Canada

Funding provided jointly by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Canadian Nurses Foundation

According to a 2008 report conducted by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, nursing research initiatives in Canada have been closely aligned with identified national and international health care issues. As such, projects being conducted by the nation’s nurse researchers are crucial to addressing and finding solutions to challenges health care providers face.

A new grant from the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) and the Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) will help nurse researchers in Canada in their quest to improve health care.

“Nursing research is an integral part of providing excellent health care,” said Hélène Sabourin, Executive Director of the Canadian Nurses Foundation. “The knowledge gained through research translates into better care for patients.”

“STTI is committed to its mission of improving the health of the world’s people,” said STTI President Suzanne Prevost, PhD, RN, COI. “We’re pleased to co-sponsor this grant, which helps us achieve our mission.”

This US $5,000 grant will support research that advances the practice of nursing with an emphasis on nursing care issues. Nursing care research or clinical nursing research is defined as research that is practice-based or that will provide the groundwork for future practice-based research studies. Research funded through this grant must provide evidence that there is a potential impact on nursing practice, whether direct or indirect.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be a practicing Canadian registered nurse with a current license.
- Research must address at least one of the following nursing care practice priorities:
  - Supporting research that takes place in “clinical” settings, where nurses provide care, including the community.
  - Supporting research that involves novice researchers.
  - Supporting research teams that are interdisciplinary.
• Applicant should be an active member of STTI.
• Completed research application via STTI’s online submission system MUST be submitted by 1 December.

Funds for this grant do not cover expenses incurred prior to the funding date.

For additional information about this and other grant opportunities available from the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing, contact Tonna Thomas at tonna@stti.iupui.edu or online at http://www.nursingsociety.org/Research/Grants.

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The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Founded in 1922, STTI has more than 125,000 members in 90 countries. Members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others. STTI’s 486 chapters are located at 659 institutions of higher education throughout Australia; Botswana; Brazil; Canada; Colombia; England; Ghana; Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China; Japan; Kenya; Malawi; Mexico; Netherlands; Pakistan; Singapore; South Africa; South Korea; Swaziland; Sweden; Taiwan, Province of China; Tanzania; the United States; and Wales. More information about STTI can be found online at www.nursingsociety.org.

The Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) supports world-class Canadian health care by raising funds to advance nursing knowledge and research, and by recognizing professional excellence in Canada’s nurses. More information about CNF can be found at www.cnf-fiic.ca