

EPSILON ETA CHAPTER  
SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE  
**Awards to be awarded at the Annual Gateway Martha Welch Nursing Research  
Conference**

**Poster Awards**

Best Research Poster: \$50

Best Evidenced-based Poster: \$50

Poster Contest: All eligible posters accepted for presentation will be entered into the Research Day Poster Contest. Two Poster Evaluation Forms (based on the type of poster as indicated above) will be used by the committee to select the top 5 posters. Participants at the Annual Research Day will vote to select the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of the Poster Contest from the top 5 selected by the committee.

**Research Grant Proposal**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the program is to assist members of Epsilon Eta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, complete research projects that will contribute to the advancement of nursing practice.

**General instructions for applicants**

A. Submit four (4) copies of the following:

1. Application form
2. Proposal
3. Human subjects or animal protection approval form from the researcher's Institutional Review Board and the institution where data collection will occur (if appropriate)
4. If the applicant is a student working on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, a letter of support from the student's committee chairperson is required.

B. A final report is to be submitted to the Chairperson of the Awards Committee within one Year of receipt of the award.

**Policies for the research grant**

A. A sub-committee of the Awards Committee of Epsilon Eta will review all applications.

B. The Awards Committee determines the awarding of funds according to specific evaluation criteria.

C. A grant of up to \$500.00 will be awarded.

D. Annual grant application deadline: February 27, 2009

- E. Applicants will be notified by: March 16, 2009
- F. The grant will be awarded at the Annual Martha Welch Research Day.
- H. The recipient will be recognized at the induction ceremony

Attachments: Application (narration & budget)  
Evaluation Criteria

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**APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH GRANT**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. APPLICATION INFORMATION**

1. Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Employing institution or school where currently enrolled (if appropriate):  
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4. Preferred Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

5. Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Current Registrations:  
State: License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: License #: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Highest Degree Attained: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Area of Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. BUDGET**

1. Personnel		\$ _____
Word Processing Costs (directly Related to the Project)	\$ _____	
Consultants	_____	
Research Assistants	_____	
Statistical Support	_____	
Other (Please specify)	_____	
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2. Supplies (Be specific)	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
3. Equipment		\$ _____
4. Computer Costs		\$ _____
5. Other Expenses (e.g., travel for data collection)		\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>		\$ _____

**C. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Education (Begin with most recent education):

Institution & Location

Degree & Date

Major

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2. Professional Experience (Begin with present position):

Title of Position

Name & Address of Employer

Dates

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3. Honors:

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4. Publications or Papers Presented at State, Regional, or National Meetings:

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5. Previous Research Experience:

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#### **D. ATTACH A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL**

The proposal must address the following areas:

- Significance of the problem to nursing and health care
- The framework used to develop the study
- Specific aims/research questions or a study hypothesis that guides the study
- The specific design (outlined in sufficient detail to allow the reader to understand all aspects related to the use of human or animal subjects)
- All tools or data collection instruments (to include reliability and validity data)
- A detailed plan for the data analysis
- Appropriate reference list, and
- A time table for completion of the project.
- *The proposal shall be no more than 5 pages, excluding references*

Include letters of support from all proposed data collection sites (if applicable).

#### **E. AGREEMENT**

**If my proposal is approved, I agree to:**

1. Assume full responsibility for the conduct and completion of this project according to the study proposal. I agree to use these funds solely for the conduct of this study. I will provide the Epsilon Eta Chapter Board of Directors with an annual report of the project and a final report upon completion of the project.
2. Use the grant for the project.
3. Send four copies of the finished report to Chairperson of the Awards Committee.
4. **Present results of this research within two years of receiving award at the Annual Martha Welch Research Day or at the Epsilon Eta Chapter business meeting**

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Signature

Date

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

To be completed by three reviewers selected by the Chairperson of Awards Committee:

Indicate your evaluation of the following items using the rate scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

1. Significance of the research questions.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Appropriateness of the guiding framework.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Clarity of the specific aims/research questions/study hypothesis.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Appropriateness of the study design.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Appropriateness of the data collection tools/instruments.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Appropriateness of the plan for data analysis.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Appropriateness of the proposed time frame.	1	2	3	4	5
8. Investigator's qualifications in terms of background.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Appropriateness of the budget.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Overall scientific merit.	1	2	3	4	5

### Other Comments

Rating Priority Score (10 is the lowest; 50 is the highest): \_\_\_\_\_

## **RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Complete this form and send it with the completed application form. Please make a checkmark beside all items that have been submitted.

Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Form is Complete

\_\_\_\_\_ Biographical Sketch

\_\_\_\_\_ Grant Agreement has been signed

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget information is complete

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval for use of Human Subjects

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Support for use of Facilities/Resources (if appropriate)

## **SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL – EPSILON ETA CHAPTER**

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS NOMINATIONS TO BE AWARDED APRIL 2, 2009 AT THE INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Each year the Scholarship and Awards Committee of the Epsilon Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau presents several awards at the annual Induction Ceremony. The Induction Ceremony will be held on April 3, 2009. Applications will be accepted until **March 3, 2009**. Application forms can be obtained online at <http://www.siu.edu/nursing/organizations/stt/index.shtml>, or from Christina Daniels, SIUE, School of Nursing, Campus Box 1066, Edwardsville, IL 62026; telephone number: 618 650 3958. Completed application forms and supporting materials should be sent to Dr. Gladys Mabunda, Room AH 2332b, SIUE, School of Nursing, Campus Box 1066, Edwardsville, and IL 62026 no later than **March 3, 2009**. The following is a listing of the 2009 awards and the established criteria for each award:

#### **Betty Temples Mill Undergraduate Student Award for Academic Excellence**

One award is given annually consisting of a certificate and \$100. The award is open to any undergraduate student who has been inducted as a chapter member and currently is in Semester 7 or 8 in the School of Nursing at SIUE. Criteria which must be met are:

1. Current Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Eta Chapter member.
2. Application for the award was initiated by the student or a Sigma Theta Tau member.
3. Two letters of support from SIUE nursing faculty members.

Selection of the recipient will be based on completed application received by the deadline, the cumulative GPA and demonstration of outstanding performance in the clinical area, research, and/or leadership.

#### **Epsilon Eta non-traditional student undergraduate scholarship**

Nontraditional students are students who have other full-time responsibilities besides nursing studies. Such students are men and women who might be older than traditional students, parent children, or grandchildren/dependents, maybe or may not be married, work full time or part-time outside of school.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Membership in Epsilon Eta Chapter
- Status as a nontraditional student
- Demonstrated financial need is the major criteria for this scholarship
- Strong consideration is given for candidates who demonstrate efforts to promote diversity or inclusiveness in the school, community or in other organizations

## **Award**

- The scholarship is awarded in the Fall Semester
- Applicant must submit 3 letters of recommendation addressing the criteria above (from faculty members, clinical preceptor, community representatives, or work supervisors if applicable)
- Applicant should submit an essay of no more than 750 words, addressing each criterion above. The essay should focus on these items:
  - Future goals and how the Epsilon Eta scholarship will assist with professional goals
  - How applicant has made efforts to promote diversity or inclusiveness through school, community or other organizational activities
  - Discussion of how financial burden affects involvement at school/community/service activities
  - How SIUE and the scholarship will assist with professional goals

## **Graduate Student Merit Award**

One award is given annually consisting of a Certificate of Recognition and \$100.00. The award is open to any chapter member who is currently a student admitted to the Graduate Program of the School of Nursing at SIUE. Criteria which must be met are:

1. Current Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Eta Chapter member.
2. Application for the award was initiated by the student or a Sigma Theta Tau member.
3. One letter of support from a graduate nursing faculty member in the student's area of specialization.
4. One letter of support from either the candidate's employing agency, a graduate faculty member from another school at SIUE, or a graduate nursing faculty member outside the candidate's area of specialization.
5. Other evidence of merit, e.g., demonstrated superior nursing involvement (to be chosen and submitted by the candidate).

## **Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award**

One annual Award for Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice of \$100.00 is presented to a current member of the Epsilon Eta Chapter who is judged best in meeting the established criteria listed below. Nominations are invited and should include: name, address, telephone number of nominee, and a summary paragraph focusing on the nominee's contributions and accomplishment with respect to the award criteria. The nominator should also include their own name, address, and phone number. Award criteria include:

1. Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in the area of clinical practice.
2. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality patient care.
3. Possesses clinical expertise.
4. Serves as a mentor/preceptor that inspires peers' practice of nursing.
5. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
6. Participates in community affairs and professional organizations that affect nursing practice.

## **Writing for Publication Award**

The Epsilon Eta Chapter encourages its members to write for publication. With that in mind, this competitive annual award was established. All members – students, graduates, community leaders and faculty – are invited to prepare an original and previously unpublished manuscript, to be submitted simultaneously to our Committee and to an appropriate professional journal. A single Award will be given to previously unpublished authors. Winner of the award will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$100 (Multiple authors of award winning manuscript will share the \$100 cash award).

### **Guidelines**

1. The manuscript may be the project of single or multiple authors. The primary (1<sup>st</sup> author) must be their first publication.
2. The subject of the manuscript must be relative to professional nursing.
3. The format and length should be in accordance with the journal to which the manuscript has been sent.
4. A cover letter and 4 copies of the manuscript should be sent by the due date March 3, 2009

The author(s) name(s) should not appear on the manuscript itself, thereby maintaining anonymity during the review process. A board of reviewers made up of members from the Epsilon Eta Chapter and the Scholarship and Awards Committee will judge the manuscripts on the following criteria:

1. Writing style.
2. Creativity and originality.
3. Timeliness of content.
4. Appropriateness of references.
5. Potential value to nursing literature.