**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**DEAN’S SCHOLARS AWARD**

**ABOUT**

The Dean’s Scholars Award (DSA) program has $20,000 available to be awarded for the Spring 2024 competitive cycle. The DSA will provide support for career track faculty to conduct pilot projects that are innovative and aligned with the College of Nursing’s strategic plan (<https://www.nursing.arizona.edu/mission-vision-values>). The following are priority areas for funding:

* Promoting growth and opportunities to generate new revenue for the institution.
* Increasing student success, graduation, and retention, especially for groups underrepresented within the relevant disciplines.
* Increasing faculty and/or student wellness.
* Expanding community partnerships for education and service.
* Promoting diversity and inclusivity.

Funding requests can range from $2,500 to $10,000 for a maximum of one year. The ongoing initiative is expected to be financially sustainable through the generation of new resources or the reallocation of other resources after the end of the award funding period.

**ELIGIBILITY**

All career track faculty. Requests must be routed and approved by the appropriate department chairs, vice chairs, and program directors. Units within the College and across the University are encouraged to collaborate where appropriate.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Requests will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. Evidence that the request directly supports the College of Nursing’s strategic plan and institutional priorities (30%).
2. Likelihood of high impact and return on investment to the university, relative to other submissions (30%).
3. Feasibility of the project plan (practical plan, timeline, and budget) and funding sustainability plan (30%).
4. Evidence that the request promotes excellence in the College (10%).

**SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES**

* All applications should be sent to CON-ORS@arizona.edu **by 8:00 AM (Arizona time) on Monday, February 5th, 2024**. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed.
* Notification of the decisions of the review panel will be made by March 1st, 2024.
* Grants will be awarded by May 1, 2024.
* Projects should be completed within 1 year of receipt of funding. Requests can be made for a no cost extension with sufficient justification.
* Please email CON-ORS@arizona.edu with any questions.

**APPLICATION**

**Applicant Information**

* Applicant/PI/Team Lead First Name/Last Name
* Primary Appointment Title
* University Email Address
* Phone Number
* Team member(s): Requests must provide the name, affiliation, and title for the leader(s) and the team members who will execute the proposed project.

**Proposal Title**

Provide the title of the proposed project (maximum of 84 characters).

**Abstract (Maximum 500 words)**

* Overall project description
* Expected impact(s) of the project if successful
* Plan for next steps or sustainability of the program if successful

**Strategic Alignment and Priority Areas of Funding (Maximum 250 words)**

Include a clear statement of how the proposed project advances the goals of the pillar(s).

* Teaching and Learning
* Professional Practice
* Service through Partnerships and Collaborations
* Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
* Environment of Excellence

Include a statement of how the proposed project addresses one or more of the following College of Nursing priorities.

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* Increasing student success, graduation, and retention, especially for groups underrepresented within the relevant disciplines.
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**Background and Objectives (Maximum 250 words)**

Provide a statement of the problem to be addressed and the specific goals of the project. Describe the following:

* The issue or problem and its significance (include data to support the need).
* The specific population to be targeted by the project.
* The purpose of proposed project; specific objectives.
* The rationale for your proposed solution to the issue/problem (i.e., why you chose your proposed solution over other potential solutions).

**Project Plan (Maximum 500 words)**

* A detailed project plan which includes a project timeline, project methods (e.g., specific programs, tools, procedures), data collection tools, (e.g., surveys, questionnaires) and procedures, and evaluation plan to assess project impact.
* A statement of the impact(s) and return on investment.
* A statement of funding sustainability after the funding cycle.
* If applicable, requests should describe any other sources of funding to be applied to the proposed project.

**Additional Requirements**

* **Budget**. Provide a detailed budget and justification for each expense.
* **Letter of Support** from your Department Chair that the project is feasible and all team members will have adequate time to complete the project.
* **CV** of the PI and all team leaders.

**Format**

* Using the headings specified in bold for your grant application type and follow the word or page limit specified. Please single-space, use size 11pt font (Arial or Times New Roman) with 0.5” margins all around. Consider using tables or figures to improve clarity.
* Provide a separate page of references using the reference style of your choice (e.g., AMA or APA). References do not count toward the word or page limits.