

Sigma Theta Tau

Research Proposal Guidelines

1. Title and Abstract.

A title page and one-hundred word abstract are to accompany the proposal. The abstract should include the hypothesis, the specific variables and their measurements, the population and sample description and a statement of the design and analysis.

2. Proposal Outline.

The following areas are to be included in a proposal. American Psychological Association or style of documentation is preferred.

Empirical Research Proposal

Part I. The Problem.

- a. Statement of the problem or research question.
- b. Hypotheses.
- c. Definitions of variables. Theoretical and operational definitions (instruments).
- d. Theoretical framework and population.
- e. Significance to nursing science.

Part II. Methodology

- a. Design.
- b. Instrument reliability and validity.
- c. Data collection procedure. Include official human subjects reviews if conducted and a consent form.
- d. Sample, size and sampling procedure.
- e. Method of analysis.

Part III. Bibliography and Appendixes.

- a. Bibliography or reference list.
- b. Include letters, forms and instruments in the appendixes.
- c. Investigator(s) curriculum vitae.

Part IV. Budget. Detail the amount requested.

- a. Personnel.
- b. Supplies.
- c. Equipment.
- d. Travel.
- e. Computer
- f. Other.

Historical Research Proposal

I. Author's Competency

- a. Has formal preparation in historical research? (Especially important to ensure checks of validity and reliability of data.)
- b. Has knowledge about the time period(s) involved in the proposed study?
- c. Has knowledge about pertinent field related to the proposed study? (e.g., economics, philosophy, anthropology)

II. Subject To Be Studied

- a. Is it unique, or is it an outgrowth of history already written?
- b. Is there justification for the study?
- c. Is the planned scope of the subject precise and clearly defined in the title? (There is generally no problem statement developed for a historical research study.)
- d. Is there a possibility that it will serve as a foundation for further study?
- e. Is it of reasonable, manageable scope?

III. Sources

- a. Has a preliminary bibliography been included?
- b. Have repositories of data been listed?
- c. Is there evidence that the researcher will have access to additional potential repositories of data?
- d. Are sources balanced? (e.g., primary vs. secondary, government vs. private, professional vs. lay.)
- e. If oral history is to be conducted, is a sample legal release to establish right to handle, disseminate and publish interview material included?

IV. Approach

- a. Is tentative outline organized so that it develops according to recognizable plan/framework/design?
- b. Are questions posed which will elicit the essential elements of the subject? (e.g. ones that ask what, when, how, why, where, and what of it?)
- c. Will topic be developed within a sufficiently full context? (e.g., cultural, social and temporal milieu.)

V. Writing Style

- a. Does it demonstrate a clear, exact and interesting style?
- b. Does it demonstrate ability to organize and logically articulate ideas?

VI. Funding Request

- a. Are the terms of funding consistent with scholarly integrity?
- b. Is the allocation of funds consistent with the goals of the research?

Historical Research References

- Christy, T. "The Methodology of Historical Research." *Nursing Research*, May-June, 1975, 189-192.
- Editorial. "The Case for Historical Research in Nursing." *Nursing Research*, November-December, 1972, 483.
- Moss, W. *Oral History Program Manual*. New York: Praeger, 1974.
- Newton, M. "The Case for Historical Research." *Nursing Research*, Winter, 1965, 20-6.

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Sigma Theta Tau Chapter Research Grant Application Form

1. Date: _____ 2. Title: _____

3. Name of Principal Investigator: _____

Home address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: (Res.) _____ (Bus.) _____

4. Registered nurse in State(s) of: _____ License # _____

a. Sigma Theta Tau member Yes No Chapter: _____

5. Previous Sigma Theta Tau Research Awards:

None:

Regional Chapter:

International:

6. Have you applied for or are you now receiving support for this research? Yes No

If yes, list agency: _____ and amount requested/received: \$ _____

If other support is received, please notify _____ chapter Research Committee Chair.

7. Human Subjects review? Yes No Consent form included in proposal: Yes No

8. Co-investigator: Yes No If yes, CV attached

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: (Res) _____ (Bus) _____ Phone: (Res) _____ (Bus) _____

9. Information completed by student(s).

Degree Sought: _____ Expected date: _____

Specify the amount of the program completed to date. _____

Courses completed are listed in Part III-C of the proposal _____

University: _____ College: _____

Department: _____ Major: _____

Minor(s)(If applicable): _____

Name of Research Advisor, academic credentials (attach CV) and qualifications. _____

Letter from advisor is included in Part III of the proposal:

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10. Total amount of budget requested in U.S. dollars: \$ _____

11. Please check the materials accompanying this application.

Research Grant Agreement

Research Grant Proposal

Other _____

This section below is to be completed by the Chapter.

A. Approval Date: _____

B. Award Granted: \$ _____

Chapter Research Committee Chair Signature _____

C. Progress Reports

date _____

date _____

date _____

date _____

Study Completed (date): _____

Monies Used: _____

Monies Returned: _____

Final Report date: _____