**University of Florida**

**College of Nursing and UF Health Shands Nursing**

**Call for Demonstration Project Proposals**

 Strengthening the UF Health Nursing Academic-Practice Partnership through Joint Demonstration Projects with College of Nursing faculty and Shands Nurses

The UF College of Nursing and UF Health Shands Nursing has received support to provide funds (“seed money”) for projects expected to enhance the mission of Shands. The purpose of demonstration project funds is to design and evaluate improved approaches to health care access and delivery at UF Health. The intent of the funding is to establish and strengthen collaboration between College of Nursing faculty and Shands nurses to address the complex problems facing the health care system.

Up to six awards will be given. The project team will consist of two **Principal Investigators** (one from CON and one from Shands Nursing), co-investigator and consultants. The team may request funds for up to **$10,000** in support for one year.

## Eligibility

### Required

* The application must be structured as a multiple principal investigator (MPI) project. One principal investigator must hold a primary full-time appointment in the College of Nursing. The other principal investigator must be an RN and hold a full-time appointment with Shands. Research scientists (those appointed in for-pay status) are also eligible to apply. Investigators are expected to consult with Dr. Angela Starkweather, Assistant Dean for Research Development at the College of Nursing and Mendy Dunn, Administrative Director for Nursing Research at UF Health in Gainesville early in the proposal development phase for guidance and direction.

## Expected Outcomes

* Present findings at a CON Nursing Research Summit or Shands Nursing Research symposium
* Dissemination of findings via publication in a professional journal is encouraged

## Application

Applications are limited to a maximum of four pages (excluding the abstract, budget, biosketches and appendices) as described in the following section. The application should be formatted in no smaller than Arial 11pt font with ½ inch margins.

**Evaluation**

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

* Quality and rigor of the proposed demonstration project
* Potential for ongoing implementation of the program to enhance the mission of UF Health Shands

## Application Format

* 1. Title page, including:
		+ Title of the project
		+ Name, credentials, and contact information for the Multiple Principal Investigators **and each** Co-Investigator.
		+ Key words
	2. Abstract page (250 word limit)
	3. Research/Implementation plan (limited to maximum 4 pages) – The application must be organized according to the format below:
1. *Specific Aims:* Study purpose or new knowledge to be generated. Why is this study important to nursing and patient care? What is the research question(s)?
2. *Significance:* If the aims of the application are achieved, how will health care access and delivery be improved in the UF Health Shands system and beyond? Summarize the gap in current knowledge about the topic being addressed
3. *Innovation:* Describe how the project is original and innovative. Does this project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools or technologies for this area? How will the study produce actionable information for nursing?
4. *Approach:* Describe the conceptual framework, design, procedures, data collection methods, evaluation of outcomes, and analyses. These aspects should be clearly developed, well integrated, logical, and appropriate to the aims of the project. Are there potential problems you can anticipate? If so, how will these be addressed?
	1. Potential for ongoing support and diffusion into practice:
		* Describe dissemination plan.
	2. Biosketches are required for all investigators (see attached)
	3. Protection of Human Subjects (plans for IRB submission/approval)
	4. Project timeline and milestones
	5. Reference list of literature cited.
	6. Detailed budget and budget justification:
		* Specify personnel needs (e.g., research assistant/data coordinator) and miscellaneous expenses (e.g., consultant fees, supplies, administrative fees, travel) and justify how these lead to success of project
		* Basic statistical consultation and support are contributed by the College of Nursing
		* Awards will be administered over a one-year period.
		* Maximum allowable for publication and dissemination is $2,000.00.
		* The budget does not count toward the 4-page limit.
		* The CON ORS pre-award coordinators will ensure you use appropriate salaries, fringe rates, etc., so you will need to work closely with them on the budget and budget justification.
	7. Appendices (instruments, letters of support, etc.).

Full applications (one electronic PDF version) should be submitted via email to Dean McDaniel and Dr. Alexaitis through **June 1, 2022**. Grant applications will be reviewed by a joint committee consisting of individuals from the Shands Nursing Research Council and the College of Nursing. Awardees will be notified by **July 1, 2022** and start date is expected no later than **September 1, 2022**. Non-conforming applications will not be reviewed.

**Projects are to be completed within one year,** with a final report briefly describing outcomes provided to Dean McDaniel and Dr. Alexaitis within six months of the project end.