

Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Zeta Chapter Call for Research Proposals

For Researchers: \$2,500 available: Open to all STT-Alpha Zeta members (both student and faculty)

For Student Researchers: \$1,000 available: Open only to STT-Alpha Zeta members enrolled in an accredited graduate program.

Instructions Overview:

Formatting: 11 point Times New Roman font, single space, Black font color, one inch margins.

NOTE: Narratives that exceed the five-page limit—or that do not conform to the formatting instructions above—will not be reviewed.

Maximum 5 single-space pages including:

1. Researcher Information
 - 1.1. Name and Credentials of Principal Investigator (PI)
 - 1.2. PI Title
 - 1.3. PI Email
 - 1.4. PI Phone (optional)
2. Project Title
3. Abstract (200 words)
4. Specific Aims/Research Question(s) (Suggested Length 1 page)
5. Background (Suggested Length 1/2 page)
6. Proposed Methodology (Suggested Length 2 pages)
7. Risks/Challenges & Dissemination (Suggested Length 1 page)
8. Budget (Suggested Length 1/2 page)
9. Biographical Sketch(es)(Maximum 2 pages each Biosketch)

Detailed Instructions:

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Please leave the section headings listed below in the narrative and use them as an organizational tool. – Delete the instructions when submitting.

Please provide brief responses to the following items, entering your response under each item.

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- 1.4. PI Phone (optional):

2. Project Title

3. Abstract (200 words)

Briefly summarize your proposed project in one paragraph. Outline objectives and methods. Specify the subject population and describe the research design, instruments, and procedure to clearly reflect their importance in the study.

4. Specific Aims/Research Question(s) (Suggested Length 1 page)

Briefly define the specific aim(s) of your research proposal. List research questions and associated hypotheses if applicable.

5. Background (Suggested Length 1/2 page)

Briefly describe the purpose of the study including how the project makes an original contribution to nursing/health care. Provide the background of your proposal. Critically evaluate existing knowledge. Specify the gaps that the project is intended to fill. Concisely state the importance of the research in terms of the contribution to nursing and potential for leading to further research methodology or theory development.

6. Proposed Methodology (Suggested Length 2 pages)

Provide an overview of the methods proposed to achieve your study aims, including: study design, theoretical/conceptual framework, sample, setting(s), data collection, measurement, plan for statistical analysis and plan for data management. Please attach Institutional Review Board proposals or approvals if applicable (not included in page count). Provide a schedule that specifies the timing of the main steps of the investigation. Justify that the project can be completed within the time frame.

7. Risks/Challenges & Dissemination (Suggested Length 1 page)

Please highlight any challenges you anticipate in completing your proposed research study and describe how these challenges will be addressed. Provide translation and/or dissemination plan.

8. Budget (Suggested Length 1/2 page) (See sample below – add or delete rows as needed)

Please include a budget for the project. Sigma Theta Tau International does not fund indirect costs or costs related to completing an education program (e.g. tuition). The budget narrative must include the amount and source of all funds. It should also demonstrate that the finances are in sync with the proposal's concept, and that the project is financially feasible and well conceived. Grant funding may be used for the following:

- Personnel (Requests for Investigator salaries may be included. Include hourly rate for personnel), Consultants (Limit to \$75 per hour)
- Research Assistants, secretarial staff, typing costs (typing costs must be those directly related to the research. Typing of dissertations cannot be funded)
- Supplies, Equipment, Computer hardware & software
- Travel Expenses (for data collection or dissemination of research results only)
- Other

Budget Category	Costs	Justification
Principal Investigator		
Co-Investigator		
Consultant		
Support staff		
Equipment		
Supplies		
Travel		
Other expenses		
TOTAL COSTS		

9. Biographical Sketch(es)(Maximum 2 pages each Biosketch)

A biographical sketch (contact and biographical information) must be completed for each investigator (see NIH Biographical Sketch below) – Maximum 2 pages each biosketch

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide the following information for the Senior/key personnel and other significant contributors in the order listed on Form Page 2.
Follow this format for each person. **DO NOT EXCEED FOUR PAGES.**

NAME	POSITION TITLE		
eRA COMMONS USER NAME (credential, e.g., agency login)			
EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY

NOTE: The Biographical Sketch may not exceed two pages. Follow the formats and instructions below.

A. Personal Statement

Briefly describe why your experience and qualifications make you particularly well-suited for your role (e.g., PD/PI, mentor, participating faculty) in the project that is the subject of the application.

B. Positions and Honors

List in chronological order previous positions, concluding with the present position. List any honors. Include present membership on any Federal Government public advisory committee.

C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications

NIH encourages applicants to limit the list of selected peer-reviewed publications or manuscripts in press to no more than 15. Do not include manuscripts submitted or in preparation. The individual may choose to include selected publications based on recency, importance to the field, and/or relevance to the proposed research. When citing articles that fall under the Public Access Policy, were authored or co-authored by the applicant and arose from NIH support, provide the NIH Manuscript Submission reference number (e.g., NIHMS97531) or the PubMed Central (PMC) reference number (e.g., PMCID234567) for each article. If the PMCID is not yet available because the Journal submits articles directly to PMC on behalf of their authors, indicate "PMC Journal - In Process." A list of these Journals is posted at: http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm. Citations that are not covered by the Public Access Policy, but are publicly available in a free, online format may include URLs or PMCID numbers along with the full reference (note that copies of publicly available publications are not accepted as appendix material.)

D. Research Support. List selected ongoing or completed (during the last three years) research projects (federal and non-federal support). Begin with the projects that are most relevant to the research proposed in this application. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and your role (e.g. PI, Co-Investigator, Consultant) in the research project. Do not list award amounts or percent effort in projects.