



EONS MAJOR RESEARCH GRANT 2011

About the Grant

The EONS Major Research Grant was established for European oncology nurse researchers with some experience and a developing research profile to undertake a research study of relevance to oncology nursing. The study's aims should link with the research priorities set by the European Oncology Nursing Society (see EONS website for these). The grant is for a two year project and provides the total sum of 30,000 Euros plus one free registration for the researcher to attend ECCO or EONS Spring Convention.

Who may apply?

European oncology nurses with the following:

- Minimum of a Masters degree that included teaching on research methods.
- EONS membership - either through their National Nursing Society or as an Individual member (n.b. non-EONS members can join EONS by contacting the EONS Secretariat).
- Previous research experience relevant to the proposed project, or access to a more experienced co-investigator with at least and at least two peer-review publications in the past year.
- Ideally applicants will also have some personal publishing experience, but this is not essential.

General Conditions of Awards

1. Research findings should be submitted for publication in the official journal of EONS, the European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON). Copyright for all publications belong to the author(s). Published papers should acknowledge the assistance provided by EONS.
2. All research grant applications must confirm that approval will be sought from the appropriate scientific and Ethics Committees of the university or other institutions in which the work will be undertaken. Evidence of approval must be submitted to the Chair of the Research Group soon as it is received.
3. Research grants are awarded for a maximum period of two years only.
4. Presentation of results is expected either at the ECCO or the EONS Spring Convention: a summary of the work should also be sent for publication in the EONS Newsletter.

Agreements

The applicant, who is the principal investigator, will be required to sign an Agreement Form. In the form it will be agreed that the study will be presented at one of the EONS conferences (either the ECCO or the Spring Convention). Moreover, a publication to the official journal of EONS, the European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON) should be submitted. When publishing or presenting the study, the EONS Research Grant must be acknowledged.

Deadlines

Deadline for submission of application is 31st October 2011. Final reviews and decisions will be made within six weeks of the deadline.

Monies will be awarded at the initial stage of the project for the successful applicants. Two thirds of the funding (20.000 Euros) will be awarded on commencement of the study, and the additional 10.000 will be awarded after the researcher has submitted a satisfactory first-year report detailing progress, problems and milestones met.

Written evidence of ethical approval must be submitted to the Chair of the EONS Research Group prior to commencement of data collection.

Instructions for Submitting the Research Project Proposal

The proposal should be submitted as a Word document attachment when completing the on line application form at http://www.cancernurse.eu/awardsgrants/major_research_grant.html .

The following should be included:

1. **Application Form**, signed by the applicant (who is the principal investigator), all co-investigators and applicant's employer or head of institution. (see attached form)
2. **EONS Agreement Form** signed by applicant (who is the principal investigator) and all co-investigators (see below).
3. **Personal CV** of applicant and any co-investigators, no longer than 4 pages each. Publications from the last five years should be included.
4. **Title of project** in capitals and bold at the top of the page, and names of investigators (applicant's name first) with affiliations, under the title of project.
5. **Project Proposal** not exceeding 10 pages. The following headings should be included in the proposal:
 - Abstract** (not exceeding 500 words with five key words at the bottom)
 - Background (including brief literature review)**
 - Aims and Research Questions**
 - Research design, Methods, Plan of Study**
 - Sample and Setting**
 - Data collection and analysis**
 - Relevance to European Oncology Nursing**
 - References**

The application should be double spaced, in Times New Roman font size 12, on A4 paper with page margins of 2 inches from all sides.

6. **Ethics Committee Application process should be explained (with anticipated timelines for gaining approval)** according to the relevant institution and conducted in accordance with European Union (EU) Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines. NB. Successful applicants are advised to commence this process as early as possible. Ethical approval must be in place before data collection commences.
7. **Budget Proposal**, listing all possible costs related to the study. The budget should be presented in Euro and actual figures as much as possible should be given.
8. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the submission is complete.

Budget Guidelines/Financial Considerations

The award is given for a two year period.

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EONS reserves the right to terminate payment and request refund of the award in the event that the recipient fails to fulfil the conditions specified.

In the event of termination of the research prior to the established completion date, EONS must be notified in writing immediately. Project termination requires the submission of a report of any results to date, a statement of expenditure and an explanation for the early completion. Any unexpected funds received for the project must be refunded.

Any commitments (expenditures) incurred by a grantee either in excess of the current grant funds or beyond the term of the grant are the responsibility of the grantee.

Review Process

The Research Project Proposals will be reviewed by internal (EONS Research Group members) and external (expert) reviewers, as necessary.

Feedback from reviewers will be sent to the applicant.

The Chair of the EONS Research Group will contact applicants with the final decision as soon as approval has been received from the EONS Board of Directors.

Progress Reports

EONS requires a short progress report (1000 words maximum) at 6 months and a final report within thirty (30) days of the end of the award (5000 words maximum). This final report should include:

- title of project;

- name, address and affiliation of all investigator(s);
- summary of project and results obtained including a statement of significance to oncology nursing in Europe and future directions for the work;
- a full financial statement, clearly showing any unexpected balance;
- a refund of any unexpected balance;
- a list of publications and/or presentations arising from the work supported by the grant.

Please inform the Chair of the EONS Research Committee of any presentations or publications arising from the research supported by this grant. EONS must be acknowledged in any presentation/publication as providing financial support for the study.

All communications should be directed to the EONS Secretariat (eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu).

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