NKF-CNNT Research Grant Program

PURPOSE
In keeping with the overall goals of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and its Council of Nephrology Nurses & Technicians Workers (CNNT), the purpose of CNNT Research Grants Program is to further knowledge of nursing and technician issues in the management of kidney failure. The grants may cover basic or applied research on nursing and technical issues in the area of kidney failure, or early intervention and treatment of chronic kidney disease, or development and evaluation of education programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney failure treatment, or demonstration projects related to kidney failure and rehabilitation.

AREAS OF INTEREST
- Research on clinical and technical factors impacting the care provided and/or quality outcomes to patients with chronic kidney disease
- Clinical practice research projects concentrating on outcome-focused treatment strategies for chronic kidney disease patients
- Educational programs to enhance patient/family understanding of kidney disease treatment and its clinical implications
- Pilot or demonstration projects which have broad applicability to nephrology clinical care
- Clinical projects focusing on early diagnosis and prevention of kidney disease

ELIGIBILITY
Grant applications must meet the following eligibility requirements:
- Nurse or technician member of the National CNNT
- Minimum of two years nephrology experience
- Approval of IRB of institution or medical director of the facility which the research is to be conducted
- Residence in the United States or its territories

GRANT REQUIREMENTS
Each grant recipient is responsible for:
- Conducting the project as set forth in the proposal and consistent with accepted, systematic research methods
- Obtaining appropriate human studies clearance within the dialysis/transplant facility and maintaining data in a confidential manner
- Completing the project within the specified time frame
- Providing financial reports as required by the National Kidney Foundation
- Acknowledging NKF-CNNT grant assistance on all publications arising out of the work done during the duration of the grant
• Submitting interim progress reports and preparing a final report of the work accomplished within 60 days of the end of the grant year
• Presenting a paper at the 2018 NKF Spring Clinical Meetings describing the research, results and implications for practice
• Submitting a manuscript based on the results to the American Journal of Kidney Disease and/or RenalLink (and with the committee’s approval, another related journal)

FUNDING
• One or more grants will be awarded. Applicants submitting to more than one granting agency will be awarded the difference between the amount awarded by the other agency and the amount applied for from CNNT.
• CNNT grants assist in defraying the cost of research and projects. They are not intended to cover the entire cost of the research (i.e., office space, basic supplies, services, overhead, administration fees).
• Funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment.
• Budgets must allocate $750.00 for airfare, and one night’s accommodation to enable grantees to present their research at the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings. This amount will be withheld until the CNNT RenalLink or the American Journal of Kidney Disease Editor receives the first draft for publication six weeks prior to the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings.
• Funding for CNNT research grants runs from January 1 through December 31 of the year following approval (approval is announced by December).

HOW TO APPLY – 2017 CYCLE
If you are interested in preparing a proposal, please submit a letter of intent by September 15, 2016, to Kiley.Thornton@kidney.org. Your letter of intent is not part of your actual application, but rather a device to assist you and the grants coordinator to identify your research objectives and goal. The letter of intent must include the following:

1. Name of the person and organization submitting the proposal
2. Mailing address, telephone number and email address
3. Name of the principal investigator
4. Short title of the project
5. Approximate cost
6. Brief abstract under 250 words, which includes:
   a. a description of the project goal
   b. how it relates to the purpose of CNNT research

Following receipt and acceptance of the letter of intent, applicants will be directed to complete a more comprehensive online research grant proposal.

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The Council of Nephrology Nurses & Technicians (CNNT) is one of four professional councils of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). The functional structure of CNNT includes an executive committee, standing and ad hoc committees, and local chapters.

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