Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Mu Chapter is pleased to announce the availability of two research grant awards (one for $300 and one for $500). These awards are designed to encourage investigation by qualified nurses and nursing students who are learning to conduct research to advance knowledge in the area of nursing science. It is expected that this research will benefit the public through improved nursing education or practice. Research in the areas of theory, practice and education are strongly encouraged.

The Eta Mu Chapter research grant proposals must be submitted no later than February 22, 2013 to Sherry Burrell at sherryb@camden.rutgers.edu. Research grant awards will be formally presented at the Annual Induction Ceremony Luncheon, to be held on April 3, 2013.

Candidate Eligibility Criteria:

1. All candidates must be members of Eta Mu Chapter of STTI, Inc. to be considered for a grant
2. Research grant proposal candidates must hold a minimum of a baccalaureate nursing degree, preference will be given to nursing students currently enrolled in a master’s nursing program
3. Eta Mu Chapter President and Research & Awards Committee members are not eligible to receive a research grant awards.

Research Grant Proposal Directions:

1. All Eta Mu Research grant proposals must be submitted via e-mail as word documents and include:
   a. Title Page (candidate information must only be presented on title page to allow for an anonymous review)
   b. Abstract (limited to 250 words)
   c. Body of the Paper
      • Statement of the problem
      • Significance / Review of the Literature
      • Statement of purpose / Hypothesis(es)
      • Research design and procedures (**including appropriate considerations and provision for the ethical treatment of human subjects, if applicable**) 
      • Plan for data analysis
   d. References
2. The proposal should be no longer than 2 pages in length (excluding title, abstract, and reference pages), typed with 1” margins and double spaced. Document must be formatted in accordance with APA 6th edition.
3. A current CV must be attached to the email as a separate word document

4. A budget including an itemized list and costs of how possible award funding will be utilized must be submitted as a separate word document. Funding may be used to partially fund a study.

5. No research proposals will be accepted after the submission deadline posted. Incomplete grant proposals will not be reviewed.

**Eta Mu Research Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and will be critiqued using the following criteria:**

1. Overall quality and scientific merit of the proposal abstract
2. Contributions of the proposed research to advancing nursing science in the domains of nursing theory, education, and/or practice.
3. Research grant proposal scoring rubric (total possible points is 100):
   a. Title Page (2 points)
   b. Abstract (10 points)
   c. Body of the Paper
      1) Statement of the problem (10 points)
      2) Significance/Review of the Literature (25 points)
      3) Statement of purpose/hypothesis(es) (10 points)
      4) Research design and procedure (including appropriate considerations and provision for the ethical treatment of human subjects, if applicable.**) (20 points)
   d. Data Analysis Plan (10 points)
   e. References (5 points)
   f. Proper use of APA 6th edition publication guidelines (3 points)
   g. Budget is appropriate & realistic for study (5 points)
   h. CV or resume is attached (0 points but required)

**Conditions of Eta Mu Chapter Research Grant Award Funding:**

1. Any publications of the research project findings must include a reference of grant funding by the Eta Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

2. Within 2 years of receiving the Eta Mu Grant Award, each recipient is required to submit a 2-page executive summary of their research project to the current President of the Eta Mu Chapter that includes the following:
   a. Overview of the research project
   b. Summary of key findings
   c. Interpretation of findings
   d. Implications of findings for nursing theory, education, and/or practice
   e. Implications for future nursing research
   f. How the research grant funding was utilized