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Academic/Public Health Partnership Impact Evaluation Projects

Call for Proposals

Response Date: May 31, 2014

Award Date: June 15, 2014

Project completion: January 31, 2015

Project Description

The *American Association of Colleges of Nursing, CDC Academic Partnership Project* is pleased to announce a call for proposals for two small evaluation projects to increase the evidence base in the impact of academic/practice partnerships in public/population health.

The small grants are intended to support primary and/or secondary data analysis focused on the impacts of selected interventions undertaken as part of an existing academic/practice partnership that involves an academic partner together with a public health or population health focused community partner and/or a local health department.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants should be current members of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing involved in an existing graduate or undergraduate academic/practice partnership that has been functional for at least 2 calendar years. The partnership should involve an academic and a public health or population health focused community partner. Applicants will be asked to provide documentation of their partnership arrangement and a designated primary investigator from the academic partner to coordinate the evaluation project.

Small Grants Awards

Two grants in the amount of $5000.00 each are available to support a small evaluation project. The funds will be paid in two installments: $2,500.00 at project inception and $2,500.00 when the project deliverables have been met.

The funds are intended to cover direct costs of the impact evaluation such as survey design and implementation, analysis of available secondary data, or qualitative strategies to support pilot designs for larger evaluation projects. Funds may be used to design and pilot test survey

instruments or other impact measurement tools. Funds are not intended to support program interventions or ongoing program costs.

Application Procedure

Candidates will be requested to submit a brief research proposal (5-10 pages) with the following sections:

- Background of the academic/practice partnership,
- Impact (s) to be evaluated,
- Data collection including sampling methodology if applicable
- Analytic approach/plan for using findings to inform programmatic decision-making or further impact evaluation
- Description of how the small grant will build impact evaluation capacity
- Personnel and qualifications of evaluation team
- Implementation timeline
- Budget.

This detailed proposal will be due by May 31, 2014. All candidates will be notified no later than June 15, 2014. Selected candidates will be required to submit proof of institutional review board approval or IRB exemption for the proposed impact evaluation project no later than July 31st, 2014

Selection

Proposals will be assessed on:

1. The degree to which the proposal demonstrates a conceptual understanding of impact evaluation and the related literature.
2. A good fit between the evaluation question(s) and proposed data to be collected/used in the study.
3. The degree to which the proposed impact evaluation methods are appropriate and rigorous.
4. Evidence that the proposed impact evaluation will be used as a basis for program design or further impact evaluation strategies in the case of pilot evaluation programs.
5. The relevance of the proposed project to future design of academic/practice partnerships in public or population health, preference will be given to projects involving local health departments.

6. The stability and involvement of both academic and practice partners in the impact evaluation project.
7. The feasibility and appropriateness of the impact evaluation tools/strategies to the proposed population.
8. The degree to which the small grant will build on the current capacity of the partnership to conduct impact evaluation..
9. Realistic budget and timeline based on the proposed funding base and reporting requirements.

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