

## **Application Template: WeRPN RPN Research Fellowship**

### **Required Fields**

- a. Title of Project (maximum 250 characters)
- b. Contact Information
  - RPN Candidate
  - Executive Sponsor
  - Research Mentor
- c. Funding Requested & In-Kind Contribution

### **Research Proposal Document**

A research proposal is your opportunity to explain the significance of your proposed research fellowship project. In 1-2 pages, the proposal will explain what you plan to research (your research topic), why it's important (your justification supported with evidence), and how you plan to investigate it (your methodology). RPN applicants should work closely with their research mentor and executive sponsor to develop the research proposal. Each party (RPN applicant, research mentor, and executive sponsor) should all agree of the final research proposal before submitting it to the application portal.

Your research mentor and sponsor should help guide you to structure and develop your proposal. It is important to ask questions and request resources to support this process.

- Brief introduction of the issue/problem (1-2 sentences) and background information supported with evidence (references), and link to your practice setting or work environment.
- Purpose statement to summarize the main goal(s) and provide guidance in establishing a research question.
- Research Question or problem that the research fellowship sets out to answer
- Outline the methods/methodology, include how you will collect and analyze data
- Timeline that provides an estimated schedule for the stages of your project
- Expected significance or goals of the project (how will this research address a need, who will benefit from this project, and how will they benefit)

## **Quality of the Team**

This document is 1-2 pages maximum and should provide details about the research teams (RPN, Mentor, Sponsor) expertise and capabilities to carry out the proposed project. Relevant work experience, learning goals, and nursing initiatives may be included.

## **Budget & Budget Justification**

- Eligible costs of fellowship funding will include RPN compensation for research activities, including wage, benefits, conferences, travel, and lodging
- Example of in-kind contributions include use of office space and equipment, scheduled RPN replacement for research activities, executive sponsor time spent with RPN related to fellowship

## **Additional Documents**

Past research fellows and their research mentors have recommended the RPNs develop a learning plan to help them in meeting the goals of the research fellowship. This learning plan could be similar to ones you have developed for your nursing practice. Writing a learning plan for nurses includes the following: 1. Reflection; 2. Identification of learning needs; 3. Development of 2-learning goals per identified need; 4. Link your goals to the proposed research, and 5. Describe your learning activities.

If you and your team choose to write a learning plan, it can be an iterative process, where you reflect and journal your progress throughout your fellowship. This reflective practice could be helpful during your fellowship reporting and translating your research findings into useable solutions, outcomes, or recommendations about your research, or your fellowship experience.

## **List of References**

- (Vancouver Style required) (two pages maximum)