

**Internal Research Awards**

**Harriet H. Werley Faculty Research Award**

**Background:** Dr. Harriet H. Werley, the founder and first director of the Center for Health Research, has endowed The Harriet H. Werley Faculty Research Award to assist faculty in achieving major research funding objectives and to attract additional extramural research funding to the College of Nursing. Dr. Werley had a very distinguished career as a nursing scholar, including her time in the Wayne State University College of Nursing. She helped to shape the clinical informatics field, served as the first nurse on the Health Care Technology Study Section of the National Center for Health Services Research, was the co-founding editor of Research in Nursing and Health, with others established the Nursing Minimum Data Set, and was ultimately designated by the American Academy of Nursing as a Living Legend.

**Research Focus:** Funds are available for quantitative and qualitative research on any topic relevant to nursing science.

**Eligibility:** All faculty

**Maximum Award amount:** $5,000

**Proposal Deadlines:** Annually Oct. 1 and Feb. 15

**Ada Jacox Pain and Symptom Management Research Award**

**Background:** The purpose of the Ada Jacox Pain and Symptom Management Research Award is to promote research in pain and symptom management, and the formulation of practice guidelines.

**Research Focus:** This announcement encourages proposals about: the study of mechanisms of pain or other symptoms (e.g., understanding biological, genetic, neurological, physiological, behavioral, psychological, and/or social factors underlying individual differences in pain/symptom experiences; understanding causal or contributory relationships between pain and conditions such as sleep disorders, functional disabilities, and depression); the measurement and assessment of pain or other symptoms (e.g., development and evaluation of measures of variability in daily pain experience in older adults to improve timing and dosing of pain treatment, assessment of pain/other symptoms in individuals with cognitive impairments); or the treatment and management of pain and other symptoms.

**Eligibility:** All Faculty

**Maximum Award amount:** $5,000

**Proposal Deadline:** Annually Oct. 1 and Feb. 15

**Lily H. Siegert Endowed Faculty Research Award**

**Background:** The Lily H. Siegert Endowed Faculty Research Award was established by her family in recognition of her accomplishments and devotion to the field of nursing. The purpose of this award is to encourage research by junior faculty members who demonstrate a significant contribution to the College of Nursing.

**Research Focus:** The Lily H. Siegert Endowed Faculty Research Award provides supplemental funding for legitimate research expenses (e.g., the purchase of supplies and equipment, instrument costs, data entry, tape transcription, or lab costs) to support an existing research project.

**Eligibility:** Assistant Tenure-Track Professors who have made a significant contribution to the College of Nursing (e.g., internal/external funding, publication record, professional recognition for research, research reviewer, study panel member) and did not receive the award the previous year.

**Maximum Award amount:** $1,500

**Proposal Deadline:** Annually Oct. 1

**Dr. Judith Fry-McComish and Philip A. McComish Endowed Research Award**

**Background:** Dr. Judith E. Fry McComish has an MSN in psychiatric-mental health nursing (1971) and a PhD in Nursing (1984) both from Wayne State University. She also received a Certificate in Infant Mental Health from the Merrill Palmer Institute at WSU in 1991. Philip A. McComish, an engineer, has degrees from General Motors Institute and Rensselear Polytechnic Institute, as well as a degree in Fine Arts from WSU. Dr. Fry McComish was a professor in the College of Nursing from 1989-2015 and had a joint appointment in the School of Medicine and College of Nursing from 1992-2007. Her research consistently focused on strategies to improve outcomes for vulnerable infants and their families, including those that experienced maternal substance abuse and/or perinatal depression.

**Research Focus:** Funds are availableto promote scholarship (research or evidence­based practice projects) focused on the socioemotional health and development of vulnerable infants (birth to five years) and their families, and/or on infant mental health from a nursing perspective.

**Eligibility*:***Priority for funding will be given to faculty, junior faculty receiving first priority and then senior faculty. If no faculty members apply, doctoral students (PhD or DNP) will receive consideration, with priority given to those enrolled in one of the dual title degree programs in Nursing and Infant Mental Health within the College of Nursing.

**Maximum Award amount:** $1,500

**Proposal Deadlines:** Annually Oct. 1

**Additional Information about All Awards**

**Proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria:**

* Significance: Is the study important to nursing science and/or practice and to the development of nursing knowledge? Does it address a gap in what we know?
* Innovation: Is the study novel or innovative in approach, perspective or line of inquiry?
* Approach: Are study aims logical, appropriately conceptualized? Do study design, sample, instruments, procedures, and data analysis allow specific aims to be accomplished?
* Investigator: Is the study within the applicant’s ability? Are consultants, co-investigators or mentors adequate?
* Environment: Are available resources and research environment adequate to support the research?
* Strength of Investigator and Research Team: Is the primary investigator versed in the theory and supported by co-investigators versed in study design and practice?
* Justified Budget: Are purchases explained, including the need for particular materials, software and equipment?
* Award totals may depend upon market conditions

**Notification of funding decision will be made by 3 weeks after the due date.**