



**AMERICAN BOARD FOR  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES, INC.**

**CALL FOR 2022 RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

The American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN) Research Committee is accepting applications for the 2022 Applied Research Grant. The purposes of the Applied Research Grant can be to demonstrate the value of certification in occupational health nursing, explore the effects of certification in occupational health nursing, and/or assist occupational health nurses (OHN) to be successful in becoming certified.

**Please consider participating in this is important work which contributes to improving worker health and safety and excellence in occupational health nursing.** The winner of the award will receive \$1,000 upon completion of the project.

**ABOHN** will support the research project by providing, at no cost to the applicant, mailing labels and/or e-mail addresses of certified OHNs, and by making aggregate data of certified OHNs available from the ABOHN database.

Consideration for awards may be based upon the following criteria.

1. Applicant must be a certified OHN (COHN or COHN-S), or a non-certified registered nurse who is studying occupational health nursing. The ABOHN Research Committee can serve on the applicant's advisory committee.
2. Applicant must present an applied research project focusing on a topic relevant to occupational health nursing and certification. Examples of research related to certification include:
  - Explore the relationship between worker population vaccination rates (vaccine hesitancy) and the presence of an OHN at the workplace
  - Demonstrate the value of certification in occupational health nursing
  - Develop a tool to measure the return on investment/cost avoided of OHN-related services.
3. If a survey is used, it should ideally include the following:
  - Sample size for adequate power to detect statistical significance, as applicable
  - Analyzed by certified occupational health nurse (COHN or COHN-S), and non-certified OHN/registered nurse, as applicable
  - Designed to take a limited amount of time to complete to encourage participation by OHNs
  - Conducted in 2022.
4. Final report should be submitted to ABOHN by **December 31, 2022**; however, the final report date is negotiable. The \$1,000 will be awarded following review of the report by ABOHN.
5. Submit the project for publication in a peer reviewed journal and/or poster presentation at conferences, such as AAOHN, AOHP.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is **June 30, 2022**. Send a PDF of the application to:

[info@abohn.org](mailto:info@abohn.org)

**Attention: Research Committee**

**The proposal should address each of the following elements:**

**Part I: Narrative**

- Abstract (up to 200 words)
- Purpose of the study
- Specific aims/hypotheses
- Theoretical or evaluation framework or rationale
- Proposed literature review (if separate from other sections)
- Methods, including:
  - ⇒ Subjects and setting
  - ⇒ Instruments/apparatus
  - ⇒ Procedure
  - ⇒ Plan for data analysis/management
  - ⇒ Limitations
- Plan for dissemination of findings

**Part II: References and Appendices**

- References
- Instruments/questionnaires
- Letter of approval from employer (if study will be done on work time)
- Resume, CV or biosketch for investigator(s)
- If the applicant is university based, human subject approval by the institutional review board must be submitted. Include a letter of approval or, if approval is pending include a copy of the application.
- Timeline

**Part III: Completed Forms**

- Application Form for Research Award (page 3 of this packet)
- Research Grant Agreement (page 4 of this packet)

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

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[info@abohn.org](mailto:info@abohn.org)

**Attention: Research Committee**

**Please direct questions to [info@abohn.org](mailto:info@abohn.org) or call 630-789-5799**

**ABOHN RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION FORM FOR RESEARCH GRANT**

1. Name of Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_
4. Names of other investigators, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you certified in occupational health nursing? Yes          No  
If yes, specify year certification obtained \_\_\_\_\_  
Is/are co-investigator(s) certified in occupational health nursing? Yes          No  
If yes, specify year certification obtained \_\_\_\_\_
6. Start date of the research project \_\_\_\_\_
7. Anticipated completion date of the project \_\_\_\_\_
8. Title of the research project \_\_\_\_\_
9. Date of application submission \_\_\_\_\_

## RESEARCH AWARD AGREEMENT

If I am the recipient of the year 2022 ABOHN Applied Research Award, I agree:

1. To assume responsibility for the scientific conduct of this project.
2. To send a copy of the completed project report and an abstract of the project to the ABOHN Research Committee by December 31, 2022 or negotiate a due date, as needed.
3. To develop a poster for submission to a conference (such as AAOHN or AOHP) and/or submit the project for publication in a peer reviewed journal and acknowledge receipt of the ABOHN Applied Research Award in all presentations/publications related to this research activity.
4. To coordinate presentation of the findings of the research with ABOHN.
5. To agree to ABOHN publicizing the project and findings on their website and newsletter.
6. To receive the \$1,000 award following submission of the completed project report and review by ABOHN.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR RESEARCH COMMITTEE USE

1. Action on grant: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Research Committee Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Recommended Action: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Comments/notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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