

AAOHN FOUNDATION

2024 NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The **AAOHN Foundation** was established in 1997 to advance the health, safety and well-being of workers, worker populations, and communities through the development of innovative research, education and training solutions. One way in which this purpose is accomplished is by advancing knowledge in occupational and environmental health through the awarding of grants and scholarships to occupational and environmental health professionals to support ongoing education and research.

Grant Eligibility: *Current AAOHN Foundation Board of Trustees, AAOHN Board of Directors, Grants Selection Committee members and their relatives are not eligible for grants.*

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Application Deadline – Complete applications must be e-mailed to cmpepler@comcast.net on or before **September 1st, 2024**. The **APPLICATION FORM** (located on page 4) and narrative document plus appendices should be submitted together and are required for each submission.

NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT

Purpose - To encourage research in the field of occupational and environmental health by new principal investigators.

Funds Awarded: **MEDIQUE PRODUCTS** (\$3,000— one award) The *AAOHN Research Priorities* are to be used as the primary guide/reference for possible topics and will be given preference in funding.

Eligibility Criteria - These grants allocate funds to occupational and environmental health nurses who are new investigators to conduct research on occupational and environmental issues.

- Must be a member of AAOHN 1 year or more
- Proposals may be submitted that are in the early stages of development (prior to data collection); however, completed research projects will not be accepted for consideration.

Acceptance of this funding is based on the following stipulations:

- The project will be completed according to the timeline provided in the proposal. If timely completion of the project is not possible, grant funds are to be returned unless a new project completion date has been approved (in writing). Contact the National Office if you find that you must deviate from the timeframe submitted with your proposal.
- Upon completion of the project, a final report, including budget reconciliation, is to be submitted to the National Office including a testimonial as to how you see this project benefitting the field of occupational health and occupational health nursing.
- Any presentation or publication of this research project must credit the AAOHN Foundation and the named organization's grant support.
- Submission for oral or poster presentation of research at the AAOHN National Conference and publishing results in the *AAOHN Workplace Health and Safety* is required.

Selection Criteria - Submit a narrative document of no more than 15 double-spaced pages with 1-inch margins in 12-point font that addresses the following weighted criteria:

- 15% Purpose of project: State the overall objective(s) or specific aims and long-term goal(s) of the project. Address the relevance of the project to occupational and environmental health.
- 10% Significance of project: Defend why it is important to conduct this research.
- 5% Potential impact: Address the potential impact of research on occupational and environmental health and/or occupational and environmental health nursing.
- 15% Review of literature: Brief review of the literature, including significance of the project. Outline the background to the proposal. Concisely state importance of the project described by relating specific aims to long-term goals.
- 25% Methods: Include specific measurable objectives, description of the target population and characteristics of the subjects, rationale for sample size and sampling procedure, plan to protect the research subjects' rights, and a discussion of the design and the data collection procedures.
- 20% Plans for data analysis: Describe in detail how the data will be analyzed and interpreted to accomplish the aims.
- 10% Assumptions and limitations: Discuss potential difficulties and limitations of the study and any appropriate assumptions used in the design of the study.

Required Appendices:

- 1) Narrative addressing selection criteria
- 2) Submit the following support documents for the research project:
 - Instrument(s) for data collection
 - Subjects' consent form
 - Letter of approval to access data and permission to conduct project
 - Bibliography
 - Detailed budget
 - Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval notification letter
 - Proof of membership one year or more
- 3) Resume

AAOHN RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NURSING

The *AAOHN Research Priorities* are to be used as the primary guide/reference for possible research topics and will be given preference in funding unless otherwise specified by the sponsor.

- Effectiveness of primary health care delivery at the worksite.
- Effectiveness of health promotion nursing intervention strategies.
- Strategies that minimize work-related adverse health outcomes (e.g., respiratory disease).
- Health effects resulting from chemical exposure in the workplace.
- Occupational hazards of health care workers (e.g., latex allergy, bloodborne pathogens).
- Factors that influence worker rehabilitation and return to work.
- Effectiveness of ergonomic strategies to reduce worker injury and illness.
- The nature and effects of stress and workplace stressors on worker health.
- Health effects resulting from the interaction between aging and workplace hazards.
- Evaluation of critical pathways to effectively improve worker health and safety and to enhance maximum recovery and safe return to work.
- Evaluation of intervention strategies to improve worker health and safety.
- Strategies for increasing compliance with or motivating workers to use personal protective equipment.
- Emergency/pandemic preparedness in the workplace.
- Impact of occupational health nursing interventions on worker's compensation claims.

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AAOHN FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name & Credentials: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Project Title: _____

Indicate the grant for which you are submitting an application:

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Medique Products New Investigator Research Grant

Checklist of Required Application Materials:

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND NOT FORWARDED FOR REVIEW. ALL SUPPORT MATERIALS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

It is the applicant's responsibility to perform a quantitative review of all application materials and copies submitted.

- E-mailed** application form and requested support materials.

Note: File name format: lastname-firstname-2024-Medique_New-Investigator_Grant

Research Grants:

- Narrative addressing selection criteria (not to exceed 15 double-spaced pages with 1-inch margins in 12-point font)
- Resume
- Appendices
- Instrument(s) for data collection
 - Subjects' consent form
 - Letter of approval to access data and permission to conduct project
 - Bibliography
 - Detailed budget
 - Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval notification letter

Note: Applications will not be accepted for any required elements missing.

Application Deadline

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Applications submitted after the deadline or not in accordance with the guidelines will not be accepted.