

**Indiana University School of Nursing**  
**Application for the William and Doris Rodie**  
**Dissertation Scholarship Award**

The William and Doris Rodie Dissertation Scholarship Award scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to doctoral candidates in the Indiana University School of Nursing who are working on dissertations. Awards of \$2,000 will be made based on monies available each academic year. The funds are to be used to offset dissertation expenses. All PhD students' who have achieved candidacy and are actively working on their dissertation research are eligible to receive the award once. PhD Students may apply for this award once they have successfully defended their dissertation research proposal. An abstract of the proposed dissertation research as well as a budget outlining how the monies will be used must accompany this application. Students also need a letter of support from the Chair of their Dissertation Committee.

**ELIGIBILITY and SELECTION PROCESS**

Applicants must document that they will have completed all pre-dissertation requirements by the time of the submission, and must provide a clear and specific plan for completing the dissertation within two years of receiving the scholarship. Recipients of the dissertation awards will be selected by the IUSON PhD Admissions, Progression and Graduation (APG) Committee.

**CRITERIA**

Application packets will be evaluated with a focus on the following criteria:

- Quality of academic record
- Relevance to the field of nursing
- Significance of topic
- Potential impact of findings on nursing
- Appropriateness of budget
- Feasibility of work plan

**AWARD AND CONDITIONS**

Recipients of the awards can receive a maximum of \$2,000 to support completion of their dissertation. Funds must be spent and it is expected that the dissertation will be completed within a 2-year time limit in accordance with the work plan provided by the candidate.

In addition, recipients must agree to the following:

- Submit a copy of completed dissertation to the Indiana University School of Nursing
- Submit a completed budget report on the use of award funds;
- Acknowledge the William and Doris Rodie Dissertation Scholarship and the IUSON in all publications related to applicant's dissertation study.

## **APPLICATION PACKETS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:**

- Application Cover Page  
Personal and educational data to be included as the first page of the application packet. (Please see page 3 of this document)
- Letter of Recommendation  
One (1) letter of support from dissertation/ research committee Chair which documents that the applicant's dissertation has been approved by that school and that addresses the significance of the dissertation topic and the applicant's ability to complete it successfully.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Dissertation Abstract  
On one (2) page, summarize the study including the significance of the topic, how the findings contribute to the development of the science and practice of nursing.
- Time Frame for Study  
The time frame should specify the dissertation work that will be accomplished during the award period. It should include significant activities and realistic dates by which each will be completed.
- Budget and Justification  
The award is intended to finance *only items associated with the completion of the dissertation*. The budget should include a rationale for how all items are related to the completion of the project. Funding can cover expenses such as data gathering, equipment, analytical software and training, primary source materials, books, travel and accommodations for fieldwork and relevant conferences, meetings with mentors, duplicating, postage, modest stipends for subjects, and hourly pay to hire assistants for such tasks as transcription, translation, collecting or coding data, rating, and similar work. Funding cannot cover such expenses as tuition, student fees, computers, the applicant's personal salary, housing or living expenses.

## **DEADLINE**

**The application deadlines are February 1, and October 1, each year.** It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete application packet on or before the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Applicants must submit **one (1) original** and **one (1) electronic copy** of the complete application packet. Please do not staple or bind the packet. Completed application packets should be submitted to:

Ms Linda Viegas  
Indiana University School of Nursing  
Center for Academic Affairs  
Graduate Programs Office  
1111 Middle Drive NU 137  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
[lviegas@iupui.edu](mailto:lviegas@iupui.edu)

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**COVER PAGE**

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**Applicant Data:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State(s) in which you are licensed as an RN or APRN: \_\_\_\_\_

License Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

University ID \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Director of Dissertation Research Committee**

Name & Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant**

I hereby declare that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_