

IAFN 2025 Research Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General Information

»» What are the IAFN Research Grants?

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Research Grants supports innovative research that advances forensic nursing science, improves care for patients affected by violence and trauma, and is committed to responsible forensic nursing research. IAFN research grants encourage exploratory, interventional, and developmental forensic nursing research studies or evidence-based practice (EBP) projects. **Key research focus areas *should explore how forensic nursing interventions impact health outcomes, trauma recovery trajectories, healthcare utilization patterns, and economic burden across various violence types while identifying best practices for integrating forensic services into comprehensive care models.*** Funding may be used as seed money for a pilot study, completion of a full study or project, or to augment existing funding on an established project.

»» Who is eligible to apply?

Current members of IAFN based in the U.S who have not received an IAFN research grant in the last three years.

Note:

- The research/project may be a requirement for degree completion
- Applicants requesting funding of \$10,000 or more must be able to demonstrate the capability to conduct and complete the proposed research (research experience)

Application Process

»» When is the application deadline?

Applications for the 2025 grant cycle are due by **the first Monday in August** via the online submission system, no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

No extensions to the deadline will be granted.

»» How do I apply?

Applicants must log into their IAFN member account, complete the application form, and submit it with all required documents through the online grant portal. Please refer to the IAFN Research Grants Guideline for detailed information on the required application materials.

»» Can I submit more than one application?

No. Applicants may only submit **one** application per grant cycle.

»» Is there a preferred research topic?

IAFN prioritizes research that explores:

- The impact of forensic nursing interventions on health outcomes, trauma recovery trajectories, or healthcare utilization patterns
- The economic impact of violence
- Best practices for integrating forensic nursing services into comprehensive care models

Funding and Budget

»» How much funding is available?

Applicants are eligible to apply for grants of \$1,500-\$45,000. The number of grants awarded may vary depending on proposal quality and purpose. IAFN will grant up to \$50,000 in total for all awards.

»» What expenses can be covered by the grant?

Eligible expenses include:

- Personnel (e.g., research assistant time)
- Participant incentives
- Supplies and materials
- Travel related to data collection

Funds **may not** be used for:

- PI or co-investigator salaries
- Office supplies
- Institutional overhead/indirect costs
- Tuition or academic coursework
- Computer support
- Conference travel (unless directly related to data collection)

Review and Selection

»» How are proposals reviewed?

Proposals are peer-reviewed by a panel of forensic nursing and research experts based on:

- Scientific merit
- Relevance to forensic nursing
- Feasibility
- Budget justification

»» When will applicants be notified?

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by the first Monday of October.

Project Requirements

»» What is the project period?

Funded projects must be completed within **12 months** of receiving the award. No extensions will be offered, and remaining funds will need to be returned to IAFN.

»» Are there reporting requirements?

Yes. Grantees must:

- Submit a mid-year comprehensive grant progress report (6-month report)
- Submit a final report and financial summary (12-month report). Within sixty days following the conclusion of the grant term
- Present findings at an IAFN conference
- If appropriate, submit a manuscript for publication to the *Journal of Forensic Nursing*

Additional Questions

»» Who can I contact with additional questions?

For more information, please email research@forensicnurses.org or visit the IAFN Research Grant page at <https://www.forensicnurses.org/page/ResearchGrants>