**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

# CON-BANNER PARTNERSHIP FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH (PIRC)

# PILOT PROJECTS – 2022

The PIRC Pilot Research Award is designed to promote research collaborations between the University of Arizona College of Nursing (UACON) faculty and Banner Health (BH) nurses on research regarding serious/chronic illness and health equity (e.g., improving systems, nurse health/well-being, patient outcomes, informal caregivers, diverse populations). This award aims to provide **formative work that will directly contribute to the submission of successful extramural research proposals in response to large-scale funding opportunities (e.g., NIH).** Funds up to **$20,000** may be requested.

Contact Dr. Judith Gordon ([judithg@arizona.edu](mailto:judithg@arizona.edu)) or Dr. Karen Johnson ([karen.johnson2@bannerhealth.com](mailto:karen.johnson2@bannerhealth.com)) to discuss potential ideas and collaborations.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Only proposal submissions with UACON faculty and BH nurses in partnership as Multiple Principal Investigators (MPIs) will be accepted. UACON tenure or career track faculty member must have a research trajectory with evidence of publications and funding. BH nurses must have at least a Masters’ Degree and evidence of expertise related to the proposed study.

**KEY DATES**

**Letter of Intent:** March 1, 2022, 5:00 pm MST

**Submission due date:** April 1, 2022, 5:00pm MST

**Funding Decision and Summary Statement:** May 1, 2022

**Start Date:** June 1, 2022

**End Date:** May 31, 2023

**Mid-year Report:** January 1, 2023

**Final Report:** July 1, 2023

**Letter of Intent**

A letter of intent is required. However, you may choose not to submit the proposal. The letter of intent is needed only to identify and arrange for appropriate reviewers.

**LETTER OF INTENT REQUIREMENTS (follow template below):**

1. Multiple Principal Investigators’ names
2. Project Title
3. Brief description of the project (2-3 sentences)
4. Select the strategic initiatives that the proposal will respond to (at least one for BH and one for CON)
5. Names of all other co-investigators and consultants
6. Target Date, funding agency and funding announcement number for extramural submission

Submit the Letter of Intent as an email with PDF attachment by **March 1, 2022, 5:00 pm MST** to the Office of Research and Scholarship at: CON-ORS@email.arizona.edu with “PIRC LOI” in the subject line.

**FAQs**

* Proposals will be reviewed for scientific merit and responsiveness by two reviewers.
* Selection of proposals for funding will be made by a committee (5) consisting of 1 UACON faculty and 1 Banner Nursing representatives, the Associate Dean for Research and the Director of Nursing Research, and 1 member external to the UACON and BH.

**Other Requirements**

* The extra-mural research proposal must be submitted in response to an existing funding opportunity.
* A mid-year progress report and a final report must be submitted to PIRC.
* Copies of all publications resulting from the research should also be submitted to PIRC.
* Acknowledge the PIRC Awards Program in any dissemination of results from the research.

**CONTENT AND FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

**The proposal must include:**

1. **Face Page**
2. **Abstract** (Limit 30 lines)
3. **Specific Aims** (Limit 1 page)
4. **Research Strategy** (Limit 5 pages)
   1. Significance (1.5 pages)
      1. Must include the rationale for your future large-scale application and the justification for the proposed pilot.
   2. Innovation (0.5 page)
      1. Must include a description of how the proposed research will move science forward.
   3. Approach (3 pages)
      1. Must be limited to a small-scale pilot study (e.g., secondary data analysis, feasibility study, survey data collection and analysis, etc.).
5. **Timeline** (6-12 months-separate page; not included in page count)
6. **Next Steps and Critical Contribution of Study** (Separate page; not included in page count)
   1. List the specific RFA/FOA for your planned submission, and a general description of the subsequent study’s goals and design.
   2. Explain the critical contribution that this study will make to the literature or to a subsequent application.
   3. Describe next steps and/or how findings will be integrated into your subsequent application.
7. **References** (not included in page limit)
8. **Detailed Budget and Justification** (using budget template). **Note**: monies for MPI’s or co-investigator’s (UACON faculty and Banner nurses) salary support are not allowed. No indirect (F&A) costs are allowed.
9. **NIH formatted Biographical Sketch for each MPI** (limit 5 pages)

The Biographical Sketch template is available at: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>, and at the end of this document.

1. **A letter from UACON Division Head and BH Department Director** supporting this application and each MPI’s research trajectory (not included as part of supporting document page count).
2. **Appendices and/or Letters of Support** (Optional; limit 4 pages total). (Appendices and letters of support or commitment are allowed but do not use the appendices to circumvent the page limit).

**Format**

* Use at least half-inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all 8.5” x 11” pages.
* Use an Arial or Helvetica typeface, a black font color, and a font size of 11 points or larger. (A Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters; the font size requirement still applies.)
* For Figures, Graphs, Diagrams, Charts, Tables, and Figure Legends, you may use a smaller type size but it must be in a black font color, readily legible, and follow the font typeface requirement. Color can be used in figures; however, all text must be in a black font color, clear and legible.

**Submission**

Submit items 1-11 (the face page, abstract, specific aims, research strategy, references, budget and justification, an NIH formatted biographical sketch, appendices, and letter from Division Head), electronically in one(1) PDF file by **April 1, 2022, 5:00pm MST** to the Office of Research and Scholarship at CON-ORS@email.arizona.edu with “PIRC Application” in the subject line.

**Questions**

Please contact Dr. Judith Gordon at judithg@email.arizona.edu or Dr. Karen Johnson at Karen.Johnson2@bannerhealth.com with any questions or to assist in finding collaborators for your proposed project.

**LETTER OF INTENT TEMPLATE**

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| **Multiple PI’s Names** | 1.  2. | |
| **Other Investigators** |  | |
| **Project Title** |  | |
| **Brief Description of the Project**  **(2-3 sentences)** |  | |
| **COVID-19 Related** | 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| **Health Equity Related** | 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| **Corresponding Strategic Initiatives (select at least one from each column and all that apply)** | **UACON Initiatives**   * Precision Health Science * Data & Systems Science * Health Determinants Science | **BH Initiatives**   * Clinical Practice, Patient Safety & Quality * Systems & Infrastructure * Workforce Development |
| **Funding Announcement Number for Future Extramural Submission** |  | |
| **Date for Extramural Submission** |  | |
| **Funding Agency for Submission** |  | |

**CON-BANNER PIRC PILOT PROJECT APPLICATION TEMPLATE**

**2022**

FACE PAGE

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH STRATEGY

TIMELINE

CRITICIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

REFERENCES

BUDGET

BIOSKETCHES

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

APPENDICES

**FACE PAGE**

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| **Multiple Principal Investigators’ names** |  |
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**ABSTRACT**

**Multiple Principal Investigators:**

**Title:**

**Enter text here: (up to 30 lines) -** Use an Arial or Helvetica, a black font color, and a font size of 11 points or larger. (A Symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters; the font size requirement still applies.)

**RESEARCH STRATEGY** (5 PAGES)

**TIMELINE** (NOT INCLUDED IN PAGE COUNT)

**NEXT STEPS AND CRITICAL CONTRIBUTION OF STUDY** (NOT INCLUDED IN PAGE COUNT)

**REFERENCES** (NOT INCLUDED IN PAGE COUNT)

**BUDGET TEMPLATE**

**MPI Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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*Please expand the table and sub-headings as needed; use n/a if a category is not applicable.* ***Salary support is not allowed for MPIs or co-Investigators (i.e., no UACON faculty or Banner nurse salaries are allowed)****. No conference travel is allowed. No indirect costs (F&A) are allowed.*

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| **PERSONNEL**  **(Research assistants or students or statistical support only)** | **Role** | **Percent Effort** | **Salary OR Unit Cost** | **Tuition** | **Total** |
| **Sub Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PARTICIPANT COSTS (participant incentives)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sub Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **LOCAL TRAVEL (for conducting the research not for conference presentations)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sub Total** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **OTHER (research supplies, equipment, software, etc.); SPECIFY EACH LINE ITEM** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |  |

**JUSTIFICATION:** (*please include explanation of each line item within a category)*

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH TEMPLATE**

Provide the following information for the Senior/key personnel and other significant contributors.  
Follow this format for each person. **DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES.**

NAME:

eRA COMMONS USER NAME (credential, e.g., agency login):

POSITION TITLE:

EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)

| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION | DEGREE  (if applicable) | Completion Date  MM/YYYY | FIELD OF STUDY |
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**A. Personal Statement**

***This should be tailored to this proposal***

**B. Positions and Honors**

**C. Contributions to Science**

**D. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance**