Seed Grant Funding Opportunity
CSU Institute for Palliative Care 2016 Symposium

The California State University Institute for Palliative Care is accepting proposals for seed grant funding to support academic faculty whose work encompasses palliative care education and research. The funding is offered in conjunction with Engaging the Next Generation: The First National Symposium on Academic Palliative Care Education and Research, being held in San Marcos, CA, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2016, and has been generously provided by the Gary and Mary West Foundation.

Five $2,000 grants will be awarded to support palliative care-related education and/or research that will be conducted over the next year. Successful proposals will describe an innovative educational and/or research project that will expand current or future workforce knowledge leading to improved care or enhanced quality of life for seriously or chronically ill people.

Participant eligibility:
Faculty from higher education institutions located within the U.S. who teach and conduct research in the field of palliative care and related areas, and who are registered to attend the Symposium, are eligible to apply. Applicants must be in attendance at the 2016 Symposium to receive the award.

Possible Areas of Study:
Projects for funding may include activities in a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to nursing, social work, communications, health sciences, psychology, ethics, or other disciplines.

Examples of possible projects on which funding could be used include patient palliative care delivery, research on ethnic and racial disparities in palliative care, use of electronic health records to impact palliative care, incorporating the arts or other therapies into palliative care, methodologies for reaching underserved populations, quality studies, early data collection for large grant opportunities, piloting teaching modality innovation(s), or others.

Application Criteria:
The criteria for this funding are purposely broad within education or research, to allow for creativity and innovation on the part of the applicants. Proposals should reflect at least ONE of the Symposium’s missions:

- Improving or advancing integration of palliative care concepts into pedagogy or curriculum
- Performing palliative care-related research which produces measurable outcomes
- Demonstrating collaborative research or teaching across departments, colleges and/or universities and/or,
- Supporting educational innovations and/or research to advance teamwork among professional disciplines
Application Questions: (Application must be completed online HERE)
Questions you will be required to complete in the online application include:

1. Project Title - 10 words or less
2. A brief description of yourself and your experience in palliative care - 250 words
3. Description of the proposed research - 500 words or less, being sure to address
   a. How research may result in improved care and/or enhanced quality of life for serious
      and chronically ill patients
   b. Needs, problems and/or opportunities to be addressed. What are the challenges to the project?
   c. The target population/geographic audience(s) served and how they will benefit
   d. How will the seed funding help your project
   e. Key staff and/or volunteers, their roles and qualifications in relation to the research/project
   f. Other organizations and/or partners participating in the project and their roles.
4. A brief description of how the project fits within one of the Symposium themes – 250 words
5. Briefly identifying how the seed funding will help your project - 250 words
6. A brief description of anticipated outcomes and any content or deliverables expected to result from your project - 250 words
7. A brief timeline and budget for the project
8. Your name, title, department, institution, address, and CV.

The online application is available HERE.

Awards:
Grant proposals will be reviewed by a panel of faculty representing a cross-section of disciplines. Scoring will be based upon criteria including demonstration of fit within Symposium’s mission, clarity of aims and deliverables, innovation, and scope of proposal in proportion to budget and timeline. Awardees must be in attendance at the Symposium. Recipients will be announced on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Symposium. The panel’s selections will be final. Commercial or consulting projects are not eligible.

Requirements:
Applications may be completed electronically by clicking HERE.
- Applicant must be registered to attend the 2016 Symposium
- Application and attachments must be submitted by August 31, 2016
- Grant recipients must attend the 2016 Symposium to receive the award
- A brief six month progress report will be due to the CSU Institute for Palliative Care on April 1, 2017
- Grant recipients are expected to attend the 2017 Symposium to present their work
- Proposals must comply with your Institution’s IRB policy for academic research if applicable

Selected awardees will be asked to provide a self-photograph and a brief biographical sketch for publication in various media outlets. Awardees, by virtue of this application, agree to be photographed or video-recorded at symposia.

Please contact Maria Brown at 760-750-7289 or mbrown@csusm.edu with any questions!
Thank you!