

DOCS

Directors of Clinical Skills Education

Developing clinical skills excellence in tomorrow's physicians



DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant



Submission Deadline: February 24, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST

Decision Notification: May 2023

Rationale and Purpose

Directors of Clinical Skills Education (DOCS) supports scholarship in clinical skills education. We are excited to announce the inaugural **DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant** that will be awarded in 2023. The award will be offered to support innovation in clinical skills education. We hope to foster scholarship across the medical education community by encouraging collaboration across institutions or medical disciplines.

Grant Details

DOCS will award one \$3,000 research grant annually to be dispersed over a two-year period. The grant recipient(s) will be announced in May and celebrated at the DOCS Annual Meeting in November. Awardees will present their completed project at an annual DOCS Meeting.

Eligibility

Medical educators affiliated with a USA allopathic or osteopathic medical school are eligible to submit a proposal. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a member of DOCS. Trainees who would like to submit a proposal must have a faculty member or medical educator as a co-Principal Investigator (co-PI). Applicants may submit one proposal per year.

Evaluation Criteria

DOCS grant proposals are not limited to specific content areas. In the spirit of the DOCS mission, collaboration among institutions is encouraged, but not obligatory. We seek applications that address new approaches to medical education pedagogy and/or assessment; criteria for selection include innovation and potential impact on clinical skills education.

Application and Submission Process

1. Applications must be submitted to directorsofclinicalskills@gmail.com. Submissions should include "Proposal for DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant" in the email subject line.
2. Proposals should be submitted in Calibri 11-point font, with 1-inch margins; maximum length four, single-spaced pages, including tables, figures, appendices (not including Cover Page, Biosketches, and References).
3. Please include:
 - a. Cover page
 1. Name of applicant(s) and affiliated medical school(s)
 2. Title of project
 3. Contact information for project leader
 4. Institutional grant/development officer to whom payment will be made (name, title, address, phone, fax and e-mail)
 5. Cover page does not count toward the four-page limit
 - b. Rationale and statement of the problem
 1. Purpose and need for research proposal
 2. Specific aims of project
 3. Research question or hypothesis
 - c. Methodology
 1. Will be evaluated for clarity and appropriateness, including design and sample size
 2. Description of data collection and management processes and procedures (address IRB approval)
 3. Data analysis strategies, including specific quantitative and qualitative methods
 - d. Anticipated Outcomes
 1. Identify target population
 2. Describe how project will impact clinical skills medical education
 - e. References
 1. AMA citation style; 1-page limit
 - f. Budget
 1. Include itemized costs and justification: administrative/technical support (clerical, coordinator), data analysis/personnel (statistical analysis, software, transcription services), supplies (copies, mailings)
 2. Do **not** include: payments to authors, indirect costs or fringe benefits, funding for faculty/clinical release time, investigator travel expenses, DOCS meeting registration fees
 - g. Two-year project timeline
 - h. Biographical sketches of named investigators
 1. One paragraph maximum for each investigator. Do not submit CVs.
 2. Biosketches do not count toward the four-page limit.
4. An institutional letter of support is required for each study author to assure commitment to the project. The letter may be written by a dean or department chair.
5. **Institutional Review Board**. If the research project requires IRB review, a letter of approval or exemption from the host IRB is required.

Review Process

The Grant Review Panel is comprised of members from the DOCS Grant Committee. Reviewers may not be authors of proposals under consideration. Conflicts of interest will be resolved by recusal from deliberation.

Funding decisions will be announced in May 2023. One proposal will be funded per year.

Grant recipients will be celebrated at the DOCS Annual Meeting in November.

Presentation

At the conclusion of the funded period, the awardee(s) will present the project at the DOCS Annual Meeting, with acknowledgement of The DOCS Ronald Silvestri Innovation in Clinical Skills Education Grant.

Review Criteria

Each proposal will be judged on the following criteria

1. Clarity of goals, relevance to the evidence base, inclusion of theoretical or conceptual frameworks, appropriateness of methodology, and plan for dissemination
2. Potential to impact clinical skills medical education and serve as a model for other innovation
3. Collaboration across institutions

Funding

- Administrative/technical/statistical support to carry out project (e.g., clerical assistance, computer software)
- Supplies/expenses
- **NOT** covered: Indirect costs, salaries, travel expenses, and DOCS meeting registration fees

Progress and Final Reports

- Investigators will submit two interim progress reports. For each year of the award, a report should be submitted one month prior to the DOCS Annual Meeting.
- Reports should include progress to date, obstacles and solutions, dissemination activities, and budget expenditures.

Project Dissemination

- Publications, presentations and/or products resulting from this project must acknowledge the **DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant** as the sponsor of the work.
- Investigators commit to presenting the project at an annual DOCS meeting.

Questions?

Inquiries and communications should be addressed to directorsofclinicalskills@gmail.com.