**Nursing Educator Doctoral Grants (NEDG) for Practice and Dissertation Research**

**Fiscal Year 2021 Awards**

The Nurse Support Program II provides funding for Nurse Educator Doctoral Grants for Practice and Dissertation Research (NEDG) to nurse faculty at Maryland’s nursing programs who are currently enrolled in or who have recently completed a doctoral degree. Maryland institutions with nursing degree programs may nominate an unlimited number of existing faculty pursuing doctoral degrees within the final two years of a program of study.

**Awards:**Awards will range from $5,000 to $60,000, contingent upon enrollment status, other funding sources and statewide nursing program faculty shortages. Funds for multi-year awards will be disbursed annually contingent upon satisfactory progress toward dissertation or capstone project, and degree completion.

**Eligibility:** Nursing students currently enrolled in Ph.D, Ed.D. or DNP programs who are engaged in or about to engage in the dissertation or capstone project in the 2020-2021 academic year. Current faculty who are enrolled in part-time or full-time doctoral study are eligible, as are full-time or other part-time doctoral students, including recent doctoral graduates as of May 1, 2019 and later, who are currently serving as a faculty member. Individuals with current teaching contracts at a school of nursing in Maryland, including those who live outside Maryland, and/or are completing an out-of-state doctoral program, are eligible for this award.

**Nomination Process:**Nominations are to be made by the Dean or Director of Nursing, who will identify qualified candidates. This includes, but is not limited to:

• The completed NEDG nomination form  and [budget template](https://nursesupport.org/assets/files/1/files/nspii/nedg-budget-template-2018.docx) that includes a description of existing support and budgetary needs.  
• Letter of support by the Dean or Director, and the Faculty advisor if different.   
• A three- to five-page paper outlining the nominee’s scholarly work and intent to teach   
• A proposed timeline for doctoral degree completion with plan of study   
• A certified transcript provided by the nominee   
• Nominee’s current curriculum vitae with active nursing license.

The number of nominations is unlimited, but nominations should be submitted in priority order. Nominations for Nurse Educator Doctoral Grants for Practice and Dissertation Research (NEDG) for the academic year 2020-2021 will be accepted until September 30, 2020, with awards announced by December 15, 2020.

**Allowable uses of funds, in agreement with the institution’s policies:**

•To assist with graduate education expenses, such as tuition and loan repayment  
•To pay for any activities for professional development and continuing education to maintain credentials  
•To pay for conference fees, travel, hotels, food, and expenses for speaking engagements  
•To pay expenses related to dissertation research or capstones, including research assistants, statistical services, travel, and other fees to expedite completion of degrees  
•To pay for licensure and certifications fees in their educator and clinical specialty  
•To pay for computer/laptop, research instruments, statistical and other software  
•To pay for subscriptions to professional journals and books  
•To pay professional dues

 To pay for faculty course release time

•To conduct research and publish work in peer-reviewed journals

•To supplement the fellow’s salary.  
•Any expense that meets the reasonable person criteria for any expense to further a nurse faculty’s career

Funds are available to awardees at the discretion of the higher education institution up to 5 years and as long as the faculty member remains full-time. In the case that the faculty member accepts a full-time faculty position at another Maryland nursing program, a request to transfer any remaining funds has to be approved by NSP II after both Deans/Directors of nursing programs submit their support on letterhead for the transfer of funds to the new employing institution.

[**NEDG Nominee Information Form**](https://nursesupport.org/assets/files/1/files/nspii/nedg-nomination-form.docx)

[**Budget Template**](https://nursesupport.org/assets/files/1/files/nspii/nedg-budget-template-2018.docx) (required)

**Nominations must be postmarked by September 30, 2020 to:**

**Maryland Higher Education Commission**  
**Office of Outreach and Grants Management**  
**Attention: NSP II Nurse Educator Doctoral Grants**  
**6 N. Liberty Street, 10th Floor**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21201**