

**SIGMA THETA TAU RESEARCH FUND
PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM**

Title of Research: _____

Reviewer: _____ Total Score: _____ (Maximum possible = 100)

1. Title and Abstract

A title page and one-hundred word (a maximum of 150 words) abstract are to accompany the proposal.

2. Proposal Outline

The following areas are to be included in a proposal. American Psychological Association style must be used.

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Awarded
A. Abstract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of purpose, design, aims, and methods including data management and analyses. 	(5)	
B. Full Proposal (10 pages double spaced, excluding references)		
1. Purpose, aims, or objectives of study	(10)	
2. Background and significance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of study • Review of literature or rationale for absence of review • Currency of literature referenced (references within last 10 years) • Critical evaluation of extant knowledge • Synthesis of major areas in literature review • Potential contribution to nursing and society 	(15)	
3. Framework or perspective for the study, including definition of variables where appropriate	(5)	
4. Research questions or specific hypotheses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency with aims or objectives • Does the proposed research provide sufficient data or information to address the aims and objectives as stated 	(10)	
5. Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design used with rationale • Instrumentation including reliability and validity information • Sample including eligibility, recruitment, ethnic/gender representation, ethical concerns, setting • Justification for sample size • Clarity of procedures proposed • Protection of Human Subjects • Feasibility of accomplishing methodological procedures 	(20)	
6. Data Management and Analyses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of data for analysis (transcription, coding, screening, cleaning, interpolation for missing data) • Analyses as related to research objectives questions or hypotheses • Sufficiency of analyses to address complexity of data 	(20)	
7. Scientific Merit – All areas of proposal address the scientific community’s standards of rigor	(10)	
8. Statement of limitations of the study	(5)	

Please attach the following supporting materials

C. Supporting Materials

1. References

Provided Not provided

2. IRB status for studies using human subjects and/or animals

Approved Not yet submitted for review
 Approval pending

3. Budget

Adequacy and feasibility (appropriate/reasonable match between proposal and request)
 Within the scope of funding
 Justification provided

4. Time frame

Stated and adequate
 All stages considered

5. Facilities, resources, consultation available

Evidence of access to sample
 Evidence of access to practice site
 Letters of support

6. CV

Provided Not provided

7. Instruments

Provided Not provided

8. Consent Form

Provided Not provided

9. STT Application Form

Provided Not provided

10. STT Agreement Form

Provided Not provided