



TEXAS SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Research & Innovative Practice Grant Application

The Texas Society for Advancement of Health Professions (TSAHP) is pleased to announce the 2026 Research & Innovative Practice Grant cycle. These grants are available to institutional and individual faculty members of TSAHP. Up to two (2) grants of \$3,000 each will be awarded to support scholarly activity in the health professions in the areas of health care quality, education, procedures and techniques, and outcomes.

All scholarly projects must be based in the state of Texas and meaningfully connected to, informed by, or influenced by health professions disciplines, education, or clinical practice. Grant funds cannot be distributed to foreign entities and all project activity must occur within the US.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must:

- Be health professions faculty affiliated with a health professions discipline at a college or university that is an institutional or association member of the TSAHP,
- Conduct research or innovative practice activities based in Texas,
- Ensure the project aligns with health professions education, clinical practice, or quality/outcomes initiatives,
- Fully complete and submit all aspects of the application process outlined below, and
- Agree to the award recipient requirements outlined below.

Award Requirements Recipients must:

- Submit a **mid-year progress report** to TSAHP Board of Directors by March 31, 2027,
- **Present** results of the funded research at the 2027 TSAHP conference,
- Provide a **final written report** to TSAHP Board of Directors report by the 2027 TSAHP conference to include a summary of key outcomes of the project and a detailed outline of how funds were used,
- Agree to, if funds remain unspent by the 2027 TSAHP conference, submit a plan for approval to appropriately use the remaining funds by September 2028. Any funds not spent by that time must be returned to TSAHP.

Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted to the TSAHP application portal by midnight, **April 30, 2026**. The proposal portion of the application must not exceed five (5) pages and will not be reviewed.

Formatting:

- Ariel 12-point font
- May be single- or double-spaced
- 1-inch top and bottom margins, 1.25 inch left/right margins
- To allow for blind review, author's names and institutional affiliations must be omitted from the Abstract and Proposal whenever possible

Components:

1. **Cover Letter** (one page): The principal investigator (PI) must confirm that IRB approval has been or will be obtained prior to the disbursement of funds.
2. **Bio sketch** (one page per author): Include name, position title, institutional affiliations, education and training, and relevant qualifications to fill a specific role in the proposed project.

The bio sketch may include a personal statement, prior positions and honors, contributions to science, and additional information including research support and/or scholastic performance.

3. **Cover Page** (one page): Lists the project title; names and affiliations of all authors; and phone number, email address, and mailing address of the corresponding author.
4. **Abstract** (one page): Includes the project title and summarizes all components of the proposal.
5. **Proposal** (maximum five [5] pages):
 - a) **Background:** Purpose of the research or innovative practice project its significance and relevance to allied health professions in the state of Texas.
 - b) **Review of Literature:** Summary of relevant literature.
 - c) **Research Design/ Method or Plan for Innovative Practice Project:** Research approach or implementation plan, including evaluation or analysis strategies.
 - d) **Budget:** Details, justified use of funds. Include if this proposal is stand-alone, is requesting partial funding, or complements an existing project. All funds must be expended in direct support of the proposed investigation; awards may not be used for payment of indirect costs to any institution. Travel expenses may not exceed 20% of the total award and must be directly related to presenting results at the TSAHP conference.

Evaluation Criteria: Proposals will be reviewed according to the following weighting:

- 30% - **Justification:** Background, purpose, significance, relevance to allied health, and quality of literature overview.
- 40% - **Design/Methods:** Strength of research design or practice plan, including sampling, instrumentation, procedures, and analytic approach.
- 20% - **Budget:** Logical, justified use of funds meeting all requirements.
- 10% - **Quality of proposal:** Clarity, organization, professional writing, and appropriate terminology and grammar

SUBMIT completed research grant application and letter of intent (optional) to:

[TSAHP Online Portal](#). Individuals must have a Google account to submit their grant application.

QUESTIONS:

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