Purpose:

The purpose of the Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Kappa Chapter research awards is to provide financial assistance to members for the conduct of research that has significance to nursing. Research grants are for 1 year.

1. A grant of $1,500 will be awarded in the Spring, on a competitive basis, to one researcher for research not related to acquiring an advanced degree. Applications are due in March.

2. Another grant of $1,500 will be divided among appropriate applicants for research related to acquiring an advanced degree. This grant will be awarded in the Spring. Applications are due in March.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be active members of Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Kappa Chapter.

2. The research must show promise of having relevance for nursing practice, education or research.

Requirements for Submission:

1. Applicants must submit four copies of the application form, research proposal, and grant agreement form to the Chairperson, Grants and Awards Committee.

2. Application deadlines are as noted above.

3. Applications must be typed, single spaced.

4. Research Proposal Guidelines
   a. Title and Abstract.
      A title page and a brief abstract are to accompany the proposal. The abstract should include the purpose, research questions and/or hypotheses, the sample description, the design, measurement and the analysis plan.

   b. Proposal Outline
      The following areas are to be included in the proposal. Parts 1 and 2 should not exceed 5 single spaced, typewritten pages.
Part 1. THE PROBLEM

a. Statement of the problem.
b. Literature review.
c. Theoretical framework.
d. Hypotheses/research questions.
e. Significance to nursing science.

Part 2. METHODOLOGY

a. Design.
b. Sample criteria, size (with justification), and sampling procedure.
c. Measurement of variables.
d. Data collection procedure.
e. Description of analysis.
f. Proposed timetable.
g. You do not need human subjects (IRB) approval before submitting the proposal, but you do need to have IRB approval before the funds are awarded.

Part 3. BUDGET (Use budget form)

Itemize and justify the amount requested. Support may be granted for the following items:

- personnel
- equipment
- supplies
- miscellaneous

Funds will not usually be provided for:

- compensation for investigator(s)
- travel to meetings
- preparation of manuscripts, slides or posters
- educational expenses

Part 4. REFERENCE LIST AND APPENDIXES

a. Reference list
b. Include letters, forms, and instruments (if available)
c. Investigator(s) curriculum vitae
Award Criteria:

Proposals will be judged on the basis of the following criteria:

1. scientific merit
2. promise of the research for making a significant contribution to nursing
3. qualifications of the investigator(s)

Submission:

Please submit **ALL** required documentation and forms to:

Dr. Yu-Ping Chang  
101C Wende Hall  
3435 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY  14214-8013

Questions? Telephone: 716-829-2015  
Email: yc73@buffalo.edu
Application Form for Sigma Theta Tau Chapters
Research Grants

1. Date ________________

2. Title of Research: ____________________________________________________________

3. Name of Principal Investigator: _________________________________________________
   Home address: _________________________________________________________________
   City: ______________ State _____________ Zip __________
   Phones: (Res.) _______________ (Bus.) __________________

4. Registered nurse in State(s) of: ___________ License #: ___________
   a. Gamma Kappa Chapter member □ yes □ no
   b. Current dues paid □ yes □ no

5. Previous Sigma Theta Tau Research Awards: None □
   Chapter: __________________________ National: __________________________

6. Other sources of research support obtained or pending for the proposed project.
   List funding agency and amount of award support.
   __________________________________________________________________________
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7. Human Subjects review? □ yes □ no
   Consent form included in proposal: □ yes □ no
   Agency granting Human Subjects approval: ________________________________

8. Co-Investigators: (If yes, CV attached) □ yes □ no
   Name: ______________________________________________________________
   Address: ___________________________________________________________
   Phone: __________________________
   Name: ______________________________________________________________
   Address: ___________________________________________________________
   Phone: __________________________

9. Is the research a requirement for the attainment of a degree? □ yes □ no
   If yes, Doctoral proposal defense date (if applicable). _______________________

   Attach letter of support from faculty advisor. It is recommended that the faculty advisor
   review the proposal prior to submission.

10. Total amount of budget requested in U.S. dollars: ________________

11. Please check the materials accompanying this application.
   □ Research Grant Agreement
   □ Proposal
   Part 1 Problem
   Part 2 Methods
   Part 3 Budget
   Part 4 References & Appendices

*All studies must have approval from an appropriate human subjects committee.*
Detailed Budget

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Budget Justification
For each item listed in the budget, a precise justification is needed. Without justification, an item cannot be included in the budget.
If my proposal is approved for funding, I agree to:

1. Accept responsibility for the scientific conduct of this study.

2. Expend the funds as described in the proposal, and return unused funds to the treasurer of Gamma Kappa Chapter.

3. Submit a progress and budget report at the end of each year after receipt of the award.

4. Submit an abstract as a final report.

5. Acknowledge the grant support of Gamma Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau in the publication or presentation of the research findings.

6. Present the findings of the research in a program sponsored by Gamma Kappa Chapter (Research Day at School of Nursing) when invited to do so.

Title of Study: ____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Date Signed: ____________________________________________________________

Principal Investigator Signature: ________________________________

Co-Investigator Signature(s): ____________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Expected Start Date: ____________________________________________________

Expected Completion Date: ______________________________________________

Revised January 11, 2011