

INTERNATIONAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN NURSING

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**Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) and The International Network
for Doctoral Education in Nursing (INDEN)**

Purpose:

The purpose of this fellowship is to enhance the quality of doctoral education worldwide by:

- providing opportunities to nurse faculties in doctoral programs to strengthen their research skills and learn about doctoral education and mentoring in an international context;
- laying the foundation for future international research collaboration and multi-site studies; and
- opening avenues for international exchange of scholars.

Features of the Fellowship

Who can apply?

The fellowship is limited to recent (within the past 5 years) doctoral graduates from low and middle income countries who hold faculty positions in doctoral programs, and who supervise doctoral student research.

What does the fellowship provide?

The fellowship provides a monthly stipend of \$1,760 (USD)/month for the 3 months of the fellowship. The stipend should be sufficient for room and board, local transportation, and purchase of health insurance available in most countries for students. The fellowship also provides a modest honorarium for mentors.

Where will fellows be placed?

Fellows will be placed in research intensive environments in North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, or Australia and matched with investigators in the fellow's proposed area of research. Applicants may suggest appropriate venues and potential mentors for the consideration of the selection committee. The selection committee, composed of STTI and INDEN members, will locate appropriate settings using extensive contacts developed through the diverse membership of STTI and INDEN.

Number of Awards and Length of Fellowship Training Three fellows a year will be supported; the fellowship period is three months.

Eligibility

At the time of application, applicants must:

- Hold membership in both STTI and INDEN.
- Be competent in the English language.
- Be a faculty member in an institution offering nursing doctoral education.

Selection Criteria

Successful candidates will:

- Have graduated from a nursing doctoral program [or possess a master's degree in nursing and a doctorate in a related field] within the past five years.

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- Present a preliminary research proposal in an area of nursing science that will be the basis of the work during the fellowship period, and which promises to evolve into a program of research.
- Present evidence that research will continue upon return to home country.
- Have the potential for engaging in future international collaboration.
- Have responsibilities for teaching/advising doctoral and post-doctoral students in the home country.

Terms of the Award

- Applicants must return to their home country/institution following the period of training.
- The applicant's employer makes a commitment to provide facilitation for the conduct of the fellow's research upon return from the fellowship, and agrees to fund the travel of the fellow [along with any visa fees] to and from the location where the fellowship will take place.
- The applicant's employer commits to releasing the successful applicant within 3 – 6 months of fellowship offer.
- The fellowship must begin no later than **February, 2020**.
- The fellowship does not support travel or related expenses for accompanying adults or children.

Application Checklist – Deadline September 30th, 2019

- A completed application cover sheet [attached to this call for proposals—please see p. 3].
- A completed, signed contract [attached to this call for proposals—please see p. 4].
- Proposed plan for research and mentorship for the fellowship period, not to exceed 5 pages.
- A curriculum vita not to exceed 5 pages.
- A letter from the employer agreeing to elements under “Terms of the Award,” above.
- A letter from a senior colleague knowledgeable about the applicant and his/her work, addressing the applicant's potential for a research career and the applicant's potential contribution to nursing doctoral education in his/her country.
- Documented evidence of INDEN membership and STTI membership in a chapter [information on membership can be obtained from INDEN or STTI websites listed below in section “For More Information.”]

Deadline

All materials listed under “Application Checklist” above must be sent to inden@jhu.edu with the subject heading “2019 STTI/INDEN Fellowship Application” and received electronically in **one pdf file by September 30th, 2019**. Letters from employers and senior colleagues must be sent separately to the same email address by the deadline (applicant needs to request the letters).

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by an international panel of nurse academics, consisting of members of both STTI and INDEN.

Start of Fellowship

Once selection and placement of fellows has occurred, the exact fellowship period will be negotiated for a time convenient to the fellow and the mentor, but must begin within 3 - 6 months of selection.

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Upon Completion of the Fellowship Period

Fellows will submit a report for the INDEN *Newsletter*, and an article to STTI for publication and/or presentation at one of its meetings.

For More Information

The websites of STTI and INDEN should be consulted for membership information. They will also contain the announcement and the application cover sheet <http://indenglobal.org>

If your country/province does not have a STTI chapter, please contact Ms. Beckie Schafer at rebeccas@sigmanursing.org about how to apply for membership as a Nurse Leader. She is Global Project Manager for STTI or Ms. Cynthia Vlasich – Director, Global Initiatives (cynthia@sigmanursing.org).

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Download this application and **save** it on your computer. **Fill in** the information requested and **email** this page with other required documents **in one pdf file** to: INDEN@son.jhmi.edu

Name _____

Mailing Address [Provide complete information, including State, Country, postal or zip code, etc.]

Telephone and FAX numbers

Email address

Institution of current employment

Address of institution

Briefly describe your current responsibilities as a faculty member _____

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Date when doctoral degree was obtained _____

Title of dissertation _____

Institution where doctoral degree was obtained, and title of degree _____

Name, title and email of employer who is responsible for research facilitation and providing support for travel _____

Name, title and email of senior colleague who will send a letter of reference describing the applicant's research and mentoring potential _____

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Instructions for this page:

This page must be signed and dated by the applicant and his/her employer.

To be signed by the applicant:

I, _____, a faculty member at _____ University am applying for the

INDEN/STTI fellowship, for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. If selected, I understand that I will receive:

- a total of \$5,280 (USD) stipend (\$1,760 USD/month for 3 months). This money shall be used for room and board, local transportation, and purchase of health insurance.
- Research mentoring by an experienced researcher, in an area of research of interest to the fellow

In addition, I will:

- return to my home country/institution following the fellowship

Signed _____

Date _____

To be signed by the employer:

I understand that, _____, who is on faculty at _____ University, and has signed above, is applying for the INDEN/STTI fellowship for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. We are committed to the following:

- funding the travel of the fellow to and from the location where the fellowship will take place
- paying any visa fees, if applicable
- releasing the successful applicant within 3 – 6 months of fellowship offer
- providing facilitation for the conduct of the fellow’s research upon return from the fellowship
- holding a faculty position for the fellow, upon his/her return to our university

Signed _____

Date _____