



# The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing

Center for Healthcare Innovation and Technology Advancements (CHITA)

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Health IT Speedy Proposal Assistance and Research Knowledge Grants (Health IT SPARK Grants)

Background: The Dean's Office provides up to \$20,000 to support innovative nursing research on Health IT that has great potential for NIH funding in the coming year. One award is expected, but multiple (smaller) awards are possible depending on the number of high-quality proposals received.

Eligibility: The principal investigator (PI) must be a full-time doctorally-prepared School of Nursing faculty member. Each faculty member may participate in one submission. Recipients of other School of Nursing internal grants that are active in 2024 are eligible to submit a Health IT SPARK grant application, provided that the application is scientifically distinct from an existing grant. Due to the highly interdisciplinary nature of Health IT research, each application is expected to include at least one outside collaborator—as Co-PI or Co-Investigator (Co-I)—whose expertise is integral to the proposed work. Evidence of successful prior collaboration is a bonus, but not required.

Expected outcome: An NIH R01 or R01-equivalent grant application submitted to the NIH no more than 12 months after the start date of a Health IT SPARK grant, with the School of Nursing being the lead institution on the NIH application.

Key Dates:

- January 15, 2024: Letters of Intent due (<1 page, study title, investigators, narrative).
- February 29, 2024: Applications due
- March 29, 2024: Funding decisions notified.

Application materials, including the Letters of Intent, should be submitted to this [Box Folder](#).

Application materials:

1. Cover page, listing the study title and all investigators' names, roles, and affiliations.
2. Proposal, max 2 pages, following NIH formatting requirements, with the following sections:
  - a. Problem—what is the problem? Why is it significant?
  - b. Innovation—what is novel about the proposed work?
  - c. Investigators—what is the role and expertise of each investigator?
  - d. Approach—how does the team plan to address the problem identified?
  - e. Timeline—what are the milestones, including at least one specific NIH funding opportunity where the team plans to submit their larger proposal, and by when.
  - f. If human subjects research is proposed, to ensure that the proposed work can be completed in time to support an NIH application within 12 months, the team must provide IRB approval or a plan for obtaining IRB approval, by when.
  - g. Budget and justification— funds can be used to cover any expenses necessary to carry out the proposed work, except faculty salary. No-cost extension is not allowed.
3. All key personnel's NIH bio sketches.