



Illinois Board of Higher Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois Institutions Offering Pre-Licensure Registered Professional Nursing Programs

FROM: Karen Helland

DATE: May 10, 2021

RE: Nomination Materials for FY22 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program
Due on or before June 24, 2021

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is seeking nominations for the fiscal year 2022 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program. This program provides \$10,000 fellowship awards to nursing faculty in pre-licensure registered professional programs offered by Illinois institutions of higher education. These awards are salary supplements to help retain well-qualified faculty. It is anticipated that the program will be funded with an appropriation of \$190,000 which will be sufficient to provide 19 fellowship awards.

Please review the nomination packet carefully. This year is the first time that IBHE will consider equity gaps as part of the selection process. Additional consideration will be given to the proportion of nursing students who are African American, Latinx, low-income, first generation college, from rural communities, working adults, or students with disabilities and the institution's success in reducing any equity gaps in nursing student enrollment and graduation. IBHE will use the student data previously submitted by the institution for this review.

The nomination packet and forms are attached and may be downloaded from the IBHE web site (<https://www.ibhe.org/nefp.html>).

Submit nominations to IBHE on or before June 24, 2021. You may send via e-mail (helland@ibhe.org) or mail to:

FY22 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program
Illinois Board of Higher Education
1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite #333
Springfield, IL 62701

Submit any questions to me at helland@ibhe.org or call me at (217) 689-2544.