Purpose and Background

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to invite eligible applicants from Regis College’s DNP program (including current and incoming students) to apply for scholarship support through a special initiative. Regis College has been awarded grant funding from the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare (Jonas Center) to support one DNP Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar and one DNP Jonas Veterans Healthcare Scholar. Each Jonas Scholar will receive $20,000 in financial support, which is provided jointly through the Jonas Center grant and a funding match provided by Regis College.

As a recipient of the Jonas Center grant, Regis College is part of an exciting national effort to increase the number of doctorally-prepared faculty available to teach in nursing schools nationwide, as well as the number of advance practice nurses providing direct patient care. This program will provide financial assistance, leadership development and networking support for the selected scholars.

The award will provide each scholar at Regis College with $20,000 in financial support, to be distributed in 4 installments of $5,000 each semester for academic years 2014–2015 and 2015–2016. Funds are to be used for tuition costs and other related educational expenses.

In addition, each scholar will receive financial support to attend the Jonas Center/American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) leadership development conference in Washington, DC in the fall of 2015.
Candidate Eligibility

- Master’s degree in Nursing required
- Current or new DNP student, with completion of the program to be no later than December 2016
- Committed to a career as nursing faculty/clinical faculty or leader in primary care
- Priority selection will be awarded to candidates that meet any of the following criteria:
  - Employed or reside in Vermont, New Hampshire or Maine
  - Currently or formerly employed at the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense
  - Currently employed at a facility caring for veterans
  - Active or retired military
  - Able to indicate a priority clinical practice issue in one of the following healthcare areas:

  **Nurse Leader Scholars Priority Clinical Practice Areas of Focus:**
  - Mental Health
  - Health Systems and Patient Safety
  - Heart Disease/Diabetes/Cancer/Chronic Care Management
  - Geriatrics-Long Term Care, Caregiving
  - Obesity
  - Palliative Care, Pain
  - Leadership/Interdisciplinary Collaboration
  - Health Policy

  **Veterans Healthcare Scholars Priority Clinical Practice Areas of Focus:**
  - Mental Health
  - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
  - Women’s Health
  - Suicide Prevention
  - Care Coordination

Key Deadlines and Application Process

For current DNP students, the application is available in the attached document.

Applications must be submitted by 4/13/14 to Karen Crowley, Director, DNP program, Project Director, Jonas Scholars at: Karen.crowley@regiscollege.edu.

Finalists will be invited for a required interview. Final selection of Jonas Scholars and applicant notifications will take place by 5/1/14.

Selected Jonas Scholars should plan to begin coursework during summer session I 2014 (5/19/14 - 6/28/14).