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**SENTINEL U® ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR ITS
SECOND ANNUAL NURSING SIMULATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

Grant recipients will receive access to Sentinel U's new Advanced Practice Series™ to conduct research measuring virtual simulation's impact on nursing education

WATERBURY, CT – (August 15, 2022) – [Sentinel U®](#), a leading provider of comprehensive web-based simulation education solutions for nurses and healthcare professionals, has launched a request for research proposals for its second annual Sentinel U® Nursing Simulation Research Grant (SUNSRG) program. This year's program will utilize the company's [Advanced Practice Series™](#) virtual simulations. The research initiative seeks to validate the product's effectiveness in strengthening learners' diagnostic acumen and patient care management knowledge and its viability as a tool for nurses to demonstrate competency prior to entering a clinical setting.

Proposals will be accepted through Sunday, Oct. 30, and grant recipients will be notified by Thursday, Nov. 17. Selected proposals will receive in-kind the recently launched Advanced Practice Series™, which offers authentic virtual encounters that enable advance practice students, physician assistants, students in associates programs and undergraduate medical students to hone their clinical judgment and decision-making skills necessary to make accurate diagnoses and establish proper plans of care.

"The use of virtual simulation in advanced practice academic programs is still fairly new territory with little research to support its efficacy; the next phase of our grant program will provide educators with valuable data to affirm its benefits," said Vice President of Clinical Learning Resources at Sentinel U, Laura Gonzalez, Ph.D., APRN, CNE, CHSE-A, ANEF, FAAN. "Our inaugural program allowed Sentinel U to help answer simulation's most pressing questions while shining a spotlight on our industry's emerging researchers. We are excited to offer investigators the resources needed to follow their passion, and I look forward to helping them share their findings with the simulation research community."

SUNSRG is open to nurse educators from an accredited nursing program who teach in Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs in the United States and Canada. Submitted proposals must include a background essay, hypothesis, theoretical framework, methodology, and timeline, plus up to five current references and a letter of support from institution administration. Selected participants must begin their studies by January 2023.

Sentinel U will host an informational webinar, *Advances in Virtual Education for Nurse Practitioners and Mid-level Providers*, on Aug. 16 from noon to 1:00 p.m. EST. This presentation will include an overview of the call for proposals and a demonstration of the new Advanced Practice Series™ with an opportunity for Q&A. Prospective researchers must register to attend.

Proposals will be reviewed by an independent committee of esteemed professionals, including the University of Michigan's Michelle Aebersold, Ph.D., RN, CHSE, FAAN; the University of Central Florida's Mindi Anderson, Ph.D., APRN, CNP-PC, CNE, CHSE-A, ANEF, FAAN; the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Salam Daher, Ph.D.; and the American Sentinel College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Post University's Kristine Skalsky, Ed.D., MSN, RN. Upon completion of the study, researchers agree to submit a report of their findings, including outcomes and statistical significance where appropriate.

To register for Sentinel U's Advances in Virtual Education for Nurse Practitioners and Mid-level Providers webinar on Aug. 16, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/36998991010959120>. For more information, please visit <https://explore.sentinelu.com/research-grant-2022/>.

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