

May 27, 2025

Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario

Subject: Nursing Innovation Grant Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Loyalist College's Centre for Healthy Communities (CFHC) to express our support of Nursing Faculty Alanna Lakoff and Lana Stevenson in their application to the Nursing Innovation Grant. The CFHC is a research centre that frequently supports and employs nursing students, and we recognize the inherent value of critical thinking skills for our student researchers. The outcomes of the proposed project will not only provide insight for nursing curriculum and instructional pathways but will also enhance knowledge needed for research-academic collaboration and best practices in training of highly qualified research personnel.

Both investigators have served as leaders in research at the College through their participation the Nursing Research Committee and applied projects supported by the CFHC. Both parties show skills in ethical practice, student mentorship, research design and delivery, and knowledge mobilization. Additionally, the CFHC and Applied Research and Innovation Office (ARIO) are available to offer infrastructure and wrap-around supports throughout the duration of the project. A successful award of this grant would support the investigators' ability to facilitate work in best practices and policy in collaboration with the CFHC and ARIO.

The CFHC has built pivotal relationships with regional partners, paving the way for opportunities for the social determinants of health and applied research to be better understood for social impact. We hope for these investigators to secure the funding required to operationalize their project so that we may continue to collaborate with them around data-informed decision-making and meaningful training of student researchers. We are excited about the prospects that this application brings and are eager to see the positive impacts it will have. Please reach out if further information is required.

Sincerely,



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