Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Funding

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About Us

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is authorized by Congress to conduct research to provide information about the best available evidence to help patients and their health care providers make more informed decisions. PCORI’s research is intended to give patients a better understanding of the prevention, treatment and care options available, and the science that supports those options.

Mission and Vision

Learn what drives our work and what we hope to achieve

Governance and Leadership

Learn about how we were established, what our charter is, and Meet our Board of Governors, committee members and staff.

Operations and Finance

Read about how we do our work, how we're funded and what kinds of services we're seeking through our RFP process
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Funding Center

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Improving Your Proposal: What We’ve Learned from Previous Cycles

Here’s some guidance for applicants rating PCORI research proposals for submission.

Quick Links for Applicants

- Applicant Trainings
- Engagement in Research
- Key Terms Glossary
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- PCORI Policy on Submission of Research Contract Applications
- On Contracts Blog
- Contact Us

E-mail Updates

Sign up for PCORI news, events, and funding announcements.

Questions About Your Research Application?
Letter of Intent Deadline:

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) seeks to fund pragmatic clinical trials (PCTs), large simple trials (LSTs), or large-scale observational studies that compare two or more alternatives for addressing prevention, treatment, or management of a disease or symptom; improving health care system-level approaches to managing care, or for eliminating health or healthcare disparities. Proposed studies must address critical clinical questions faced by patients, their caregivers, clinicians, and/or delivery systems. They must involve broadly representative patient populations and be large enough to provide precise estimates of hypothesized effectiveness differences and to support evaluation of potential differences in treatment effectiveness in patient subgroups. For this solicitation, PCORI is requiring that relevant patient organizations, professional organizations, and/or payer or purchaser organizations be included as partners and actively participate in the study. PCORI expects that most awards will be made for studies that use randomization, either of individual participants or clusters, to avoid confounding bias. However, we recognize that exceptional opportunities may arise, by virtue of natural experiments and/or the existence of large registries, to address pragmatic questions using observational designs. This new PCORI program will not support proposals to conduct evidence synthesis or to develop decision support tools. This announcement is a collaborative effort of PCORI’s Clinical Effectiveness, Improving Healthcare Systems, and Addressing Disparities research programs. Thus, proposals for pragmatic studies may fit within any of these three priority areas.

Summary:

Full Announcement:

Pragmatic Clinical Studies and Large Simple Trials to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes

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Total Costs: $10 Million (Total Direct Costs)

Maximum Project Period: 5 Years

Funds Available Up To: $90 Million

Eligibility:

Applications may be submitted by any private sector research organization, including any non-profit or for-profit organization; any public sector research organization, including any university or college hospital or healthcare system, laboratory or manufacturer, unit of local, state, or federal government. All US applicant organizations must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Non-domestic components of organizations based in the United States and foreign organizations may apply, so long as there is demonstrable benefit to the US healthcare system and US patients in the area of patient-centered research can be clearly shown.
Spring 2014 Funding Cycle

PCORI Funding Announcement:
Pragmatic Clinical Studies and Large Simple Trials to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes

This PCORI Funding Announcement applies to the funding cycle that closes August 8, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. (ET). Application guidelines, templates, and other resources are available at www.pcori.org/PFA/pragmatic-studies
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Review Criteria:

1. Impact of the condition on the health of individuals and populations
2. Potential for the study to improve health care and outcomes
3. Technical merit
4. Patient-centeredness
5. Patient and stakeholder engagement

Applicant Resources:

- Applicant FAQs
- Applicant Town Hall Webinar Archive
- Application Checklist
- PCORI Application Guidelines
- Budget Justification Template
- Budget Summary for the Entire Project Template
- Detailed Budget Template
- Engagement Template
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Methodology Report and Standards
- People and Places Template
- PCORI Funded Projects: Sample Engagement Plans
- PCORI Online System
- PCORI Online System User Manual: Submitting a Letter of Intent
- PCORI Online System User Manual: Submitting an Application (Pragmatic Studies)
- PCORI Policy on Submission of Research Contract Applications
- Research Plan Template
- Research Topics of Interest
- Sample Contract for Funded Research Projects
- Technical Abstract Template

Other:

*Deadlines are at 5:00 PM ET. If deadlines fall on a weekend or a federal holiday, the deadline will be the following Monday or the next day after the federal holiday.
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Upcoming Opportunities

Closed Opportunities

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PCORI Funding Awards

Most of our primary research funding is awarded through PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs), broad calls for projects aligned with our five National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda. We also issue “targeted” announcements on specific high-priority topics, special one-time funding opportunities, and earlier funded a series of Pilot Projects to study methods for engaging stakeholders in research. In addition, we have launched a series of Engagement Awards, including our first Pipeline to Proposal awards; these are not research awards but are designed to better integrate patients and other stakeholders into the research process.

All proposed projects, including requested budgets and project periods, are approved subject to a programmatic and budget review by PCORI staff and negotiation of a formal award contract.

VIEW FUNDING AWARDS: Use the map below to explore our awards: scroll down or use the filter options below for awards listings (e.g. Filter by Funding Announcement). Zoom in on the map greater geographic detail or use the drop-down menus to filter our database. Note: some dots may overlap because of multiple awards to certain institutions at the same general location.

Download Complete List of Awards (PDF):
Pilot Projects | Cycle I | Cycle II | Cycle Ill/inaugural Improving Methods | August 2013 CyclesAsthma Awards/PCORNet | Pipeline to Proposal Tier I
Helpful Hints

• LOI are longer, required and sometimes used as a screen

• Submission interface for letters and proposals take longer than NIH

• Cost and cost effectiveness aims are not allowed

• Right now you can submit application as many times as you want for their standard calls

• Look carefully at website for materials and for upcoming webinars

• PCORI takes the Patient and Stakeholder Engagement seriously (e.g., PCORI Patient and Family Engagement Rubric)