

Letter of Intent stage FAQs

Magistro, Paris Patla Manual Therapy, and Paris Patla Physical Therapy Research Grants

Note: These FAQs cover updates about changes to LOI requirements and include our responses to questions that we receive through info@foundation4PT.org that are beneficial to for all applicants to know. The FAQs also cover ProposalCentral online application platform functionality. If an issue is urgent, we send an update immediately to the mailing list, as well as post it on our website.

We strongly encourage all applicants to sign up for FAQs updates by email [here](#).

These three grants are the only open grants. The other 11 grants will open on April 14, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. EDT. A separate FAQs will be shared for those grants.

Update April 6, 2026

- **I am from [x] country and have had my green card since 2018. It expires 19 months from now. I want to apply for a 2-year grant. Can I apply?**

Yes, you may apply. If someone holds a valid green card with validity far enough into the future that they cannot apply for a renewal, they are eligible to apply. The Foundation will check country of citizenship to make sure that it is not one where the federal government has created restrictions that might affect the applicant's current or future right to live and work in the U.S.

- **My green card will expire in December. I will apply for a renewal in July. Can I apply?**

Yes. We will ask you to upload the acknowledgement of receipt of your I-90 (Form I-797C) with your passport page application submission.

- **My green card expires in 3 months. I have not reapplied because I have applied for citizenship. The way your eligibility is worded, I am not eligible.**

We apologize for not addressing this scenario explicitly. We know that you do not have to renew your green card if you have applied to be naturalized. You will need to upload your biometric passport page and the acknowledgement of receipt (Form I-797C) of your Form N-400.

- **Does being a citizen or having a green card eligibility requirement apply to research team members?**

No. It applies only to the PI. Research team members who are not citizens, but who hold valid residency and work visas may be named to the team.

Update March 27, 2026

- **Is this grant limited to intervention studies, or can it also support research on the cost and outcome impact of using versus not using a specific prognostic tool?**

The grant is not limited strictly to intervention studies. A comparator can include another physical therapy intervention, usual care, or no treatment (provided there is strong justification). Reviewers will look at how the control group is designed, particularly from an ethical standpoint if no care is provided.

- **Can I submit multiple LOIs?**

No. A PI must choose to apply for only one of the grants requiring a LOI. This restriction applies whether you want to submit the same proposal to two different \$200k grants or different ones. Researchers may be listed on multiple teams, but they can only be the PI on one of them. Applicants not invited to submit a full proposal may apply for a \$40k grant in this cycle.

- **Can research proposals for the Magistro focus on education or workforce research?**

No. The 2026 Magistro research must be directly patient-focused.

- **Can I apply for the Magistro if I will be an academic doctoral candidate as of September 1, 2026?**

No. To be clear, the issue is not whether or not the applicant has a doctorate or not. This degree is not a requirement to be PI as long as the PI fulfills the requirements to ensure adequate research design and methods training. In this case, ineligibility is because the person is considered a student until the degree is conferred. This requirement applies to all applicants for all of the grants we offer.

Update March 17, 2026

IMPORTANT: Magistro research grant guidelines have changed

This is the list of major changes to this grant starting with the 2026 funding cycle:

- The focus is on cost-effectiveness studies. The grant will no longer fund new clinical studies.
- A qualified cost-effectiveness analysis lead must be named on the research team at LOI stage and a biosketch provided for them.
- The grant period of performance has been expanded to allow 3-year funding periods.
- The funding level is \$200,000 with a first-year supplement of up to \$50,000 for the purchase of data.

Further details can be found in the guidelines themselves.

Changes to requirements for all 2026 grants

These changes apply to all grants:

- The PI must be a U.S. citizen of a permanent residence with a Green Card. We no longer allow PIs that are working on a J-1 or H1B to apply.
- We have added a section on the use of artificial intelligence (section 10) in the guidelines.

General FAQs

- **Do I have to use the NIH biosketch template you provided?**

No. If you have the required information in a PDF generated using the SciENCv application, we will accept it. We will accept “old” versions of the NIH biosketch. If you have an academic doctorate, then you can upload your own version and not use the template. The same approach applies to the CEA Lead biosketch required for Magistro LOIs.

- **If I am not invited to submit a full proposal, can I apply for one of the \$40k grants?**

Yes.

- **Can I name a co-PI in my application?**

No. The Foundation does not recognize co-PIs. It does not matter if the other person is also a PT. You may name co-Is.

- **I am a Dutch citizen employed as an associate professor at a U.S. university and working with a H1B visa. I have a PT license in Massachusetts. Can I apply?**

Unfortunately, no, as of this funding cycle.