

# Hello! How Can We Help?

*Everything you need to know so you can successfully apply for FPTR funding.*

- **How do I structure a grant application?**  
The proposalCENTRAL system walks you through the parts of the application follow the steps as outlined there and with the instructions.
- **What is the most important thing to concentrate on in a grant/scholarship application?**  
Concise clear description of project and plans and closely following submission instructions.
- **What qualities make up a successful FPTR grant application?**  
Please contact info@foundation4pt.org for the password to view prior successful applications: <https://foundation4pt.org/example-applications/>.
- **What prerequisites need to be met to be competitive for grant funding as far as pilot data and other infrastructure or support?**  
Please visit foundation4pt.org to review the guidelines related to each grant type, instructions for submission process and timelines for each opportunity. Our deadlines for very early career investigators (e.g., pre-doctoral) focus on scholarships available at the beginning of the year from FPTR and more established and emerging post – doctoral investigators focus on research grants available later in the year (June LOI deadlines and early August submission dates).
- **What are the reviewers looking for in an application? What do I do if my application is not funded?**  
For research grants, to evaluate, the reviewer(s) make an assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the scored review criteria, and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).
  - Likelihood (i.e., probability) is primarily derived from the investigator(s), approach and environment criteria
  - Sustained influence is primarily derived from the significance and innovation criteria.
  - Research field(s) may vary widely, so it would be helpful if reviewers identify in their reviews the research area they believe will be influenced by each project.
  - If it is the opinion of the reviewers that it is not likely that the project will answer the questions it poses, then overall impact is likely to be low. The degree of uncertainty about feasibility will likely determine whether this is rated as a minor, moderate, or major weakness.

For Research Grants, PODS, and NIFTIS, to evaluate, the reviewer(s) make an assessment of the likelihood that the scholarship or fellowship will enhance the applicant's potential for, and commitment to, a productive independent scientific research career in a physical therapist related field, in consideration of the scored and additional review criteria.

- **What funding mechanisms and/or mentorship opportunities are available for faculty without terminal academic degrees (PhD, DSc, etc)?**  
Please visit [foundation4pt.org](http://foundation4pt.org) to review the guidelines and eligibility related to each grant type, instructions for submission process and timelines for each opportunity.  
Note: A post-entry level doctorate is required to apply for our research grants.
- **Since the Foundation's Education Research grant is awarded biannually, are there any other grants that might be a good fit for research questions pertaining to education?**  
While the other mechanisms are not specifically education research focused you can submit applications in mechanisms that have a more general call. Contact [info@foundation4pt.org](mailto:info@foundation4pt.org) to discuss possibilities.
- **Is there a route to start your research career while still being an outpatient clinic PT that does not involve post-doctoral track?**  
Seek appropriate mentoring and guidance at your institution about potentially applying for one of the Foundation's research grants either as a PI or a Co-investigator.
- **Can I apply to more than one grant?**  
You can apply for one grant per cycle and must have completed any previous award prior to commencement of a new award and be in good standing with the foundation regarding reports and submission requirements.
- **Can PhD students apply for FPTR grant/ seed grant/ student grant?**  
Yes, please review the guidelines and eligibility for each grant type.
- **What makes a successful letter of intent?**  
Please see the instructions – including the items asked for and a succinct summary of the proposal you intend to submit for support. Templates and instructions are available at [proposalcentral.com](http://proposalcentral.com) and on our website [Funding=>Grants or Scholarships or Fellowships](#)
- **What is the resubmission process like for grants? Do reviewers provide summary statements with feedback following review meeting?**  
There is not a formal resubmission process. Summary statements are provided following the review meeting for applications scoring high enough to be discussed.
- **Do you know any resources or a research grant that supports the role of physical therapy profession in treating individuals with diagnosis of autism?**  
Our research grants can support the role of a physical therapist in treating across all diagnoses and interventions. We do not have a specific call for autism.
- **What if I can't recruit subjects on the timeline?**  
FPTR would be willing to discuss offering a NCE to support study recruitment.
- **What percentage of applicants receive funding?**  
FPTR funds between 10-15% of grants applications submitted to us.

- **What is the best language to use?**  
 There is a broad spectrum of reviewers, and you should write to a more general audience, someone who is not a specialist in your field. A strong application is one where anyone can read, understand, and value it.
- **Specific hints on grantsmanship for review committee?**  
 Please view our webinar on tips from successful grant applicants.
- **Does FPTR support homecare research through your grant mechanisms?**  
 Yes, please review each call. A project focusing on home care would be considered if it is hypothesis driven and well thought out.
- **What applications get rejected? Is it possible to get feedback when the application is rejected?**  
 Applications that do not comply with submission guidelines (e.g., submitted after the deadline, unqualified PI) Yes, please contact the scientific programs team. All applications that are submitted are peer-reviewed.
- **Areas of research that are competitive for funding. Is preliminary data necessary? What other aspect of proposals should we consider (i.e., is having an established researcher as mentor important for early career investigators)?**  
 All areas of research are competitive for funding. While preliminary data is good to have it is not a requirement for funding. Having an established researcher as a mentor is a bonus for an early career investigator. Having the guidance of a wide array of multiple mentors is very important and will help you remain on track toward reaching your goals.
- **Do you have recommendations on other sources of grants outside of NIH and FPTR to support graduate work?**  
 ACAPT, GAMER, CoHSTAR, ANSR – be sure to also check out the Health Research Alliance there are many great health research funding orgs that are looking to support your work. Now that we are utilizing proposalCENTRAL there are a number of health research opportunities located there, too.