
Post-professional Doctoral Studies (PODS I and II) Scholarships

The **Foundation for Physical Therapy Research (Foundation)** funds research and develops researchers to optimize movement and improve the health of society.

The vision of the **Foundation** is to shape the future of health through physical therapy research.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarship Award Amount(s)

PODS I - \$7,500 In support of the coursework phase of post-professional doctoral studies prior to candidacy (as defined by the applicant's institution). A PODS I scholarship is competitively renewable for a maximum of one additional year (new application required each year). See pages 4 & 5 for eligibility requirements.

PODS II - Up to \$15,000 in support of the post-candidacy phase of post-professional doctoral studies (as defined by the applicant's institution). A PODS II scholarship is competitively renewable for a maximum of one additional year (new application required each year). See pages 3 & 4 for eligibility requirements.

Maximum aggregate amount per applicant for all PODS I & PODS II post-professional doctoral scholarships is \$45,000.

NO OVERHEAD (indirect costs) ARE ALLOWED.

Scholarship Period

The scholarship year begins September 1, of the year of application, and ends August 31 the following year. Students may competitively re-apply for support for up to the maximum specified in each award program and each level. Students may be competitively awarded consecutive PODS I and II scholarships for a total of four years of funding in the PODS program.

Use of Funds

Funds may be requested to meet any type of expense reasonably and logically associated with the successful completion of the doctoral program: academic fees and tuition, supplies, dissertation costs, printing or postage, special services (such as computer time or photographic services), salary, and travel. **A financial report is required as part of the Final Report for this scholarship.**

Limitations of Use: Under no circumstances will funds be approved to finance living expenses or program deficits incurred prior to the beginning of the Scholarship Year.

Statement of Intent for Funding

The **Foundation** is dedicated to improving the quality and delivery of client and patient health. The Foundation accomplishes this goal by providing support to emerging investigators to promote scientifically based and clinically relevant research related to the effectiveness of physical therapist practice.

The Foundation supports only those intervention studies in which the interventions are provided by physical therapists, or selected components of the interventions are provided by physical therapist assistants, under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.

The purpose of **the Foundation's** post-professional Promotion of Doctoral Studies (PODS) program is to fund post-professional doctoral students preparing for research careers, who are PHD students or equivalent degrees such as EdD and DSc in a program relevant to physical therapy. Specific eligibility requirements and criteria for review and selection are contained in these guidelines.

All funds awarded could be considered taxable income. Award recipients are responsible for the determination of potential tax implications of awards. All guidelines are subject to change as the needs of the physical therapy profession change.

Guidelines for distribution of funds and criteria for selecting recipients are established by **the Foundation's** Board of Trustees (BOT) and implemented by the Scientific Review Committee (SRC). Selected by the **Foundation's** BOT, the SRC is comprised of physical therapist researchers and others with experience preparing physical therapists and physical therapist assistants for research careers. The SRC reviews applications and the **Foundation's** BOT makes final award decisions.

Funding Objectives

The intent of the **Foundation** is to fund the most highly qualified post-professional doctoral students within the applicant pool and to ensure that the physical therapy profession benefits from the commitment, scholarship, and teaching of these individuals. The **Foundation's** scholarships will help develop a supply of post-professional, doctorally prepared researchers who will add to or refine the body of evidence on which physical therapist practice is based.

Proposed projects should begin to address the most critical questions regarding clinical or education research and explain how the project(s) will contribute to the needs of the physical therapy profession, including implications for physical theory and practice, and its relationship, if any, to the Research Agenda (RA). If a proposed project does not directly address a question or question (s) in the RA, the applicant must explain how the project will enable him/her to directly address the RA in the future. The RA is provided as a guide to identification of the critical research questions in physical therapy.

Funding Priorities

Applicants meeting the following criteria will be prioritized:

- Students who have demonstrated continuous progress toward completion of degree requirements in a timely fashion.
- Students who have demonstrated a commitment to a career as an academic researcher and an educator in a fully accredited physical therapy education program.

Preference will be given to applicants whose research is directly related to the APTA Research Agenda and the goals and objectives of the **Foundation**, including, but limited to, research that addresses health care disparities and demonstrates the value of physical therapy .

Other Support

All sources of support for the proposed project must be identified in the on-line application.

Payment of Funds

In the absence of alternate arrangements, all funds are paid directly to the PODS recipient and could be considered taxable income. It is the PODS recipient's responsibility to determine tax status.

Schedule of Payment

- 50% September
 - 50% March
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Notification

PODS Scholarships are awarded in June the year of application. All applicants will be sent notification letters by email.

Policy Governing Use of Subjects in Research

Vertebrate Experimental Animals: If vertebrate experimental animals are involved in the study, the plan must include specific procedures for review of the protocol in compliance with federal policy on the humane handling of animal subjects. Also, the institution's Animal Care Use Committee (IACUC) must have approved or given a waiver for the project.

Human Subjects: If data is to be collected on human subjects, or if data used in the project contains identifiable private information that can be linked to human subjects, the plan must include specific procedures for review of the protocol and securing informed consent of subjects in compliance with federal policy on protection of human subjects.

Proof of IRB Approval is not required at the time of application. If your project is awarded, the first award payment will not be issued until proof of IRB Approval is submitted to the Scientific Program Administrator. It must be on the sponsoring institution's letterhead and signed by the appropriate institution official. If the proposed project has more than one site, IRB Approval or Exemption **must** be obtained for every site in the project. The institution sponsoring the project's research must be covered by an assurance agreement indicating compliance with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations governing the protection of human subjects.

In addition, if data are to be collected on human subjects, or if data used in the project contain identifiable private information that can be linked to human subjects, the Principal Investigator and all key personnel involved in the conduct of the study must provide certificates demonstrating completion of a human subjects' protection training course. You must provide training validity dates for your particular course as part of your application package and the training must be current according to the dates listed on the certificate.

The NIH Office of Extramural Research's "Human Participant Protections: Education for Research Teams" training course (<https://phrp.nihtraining.com/users/login.php>) is an example of a course that meets this requirement. Also, the University of Miami offers online courses in Human Subjects Research training (<https://about.citiprogram.org/en/homepage/>), which also meets the requirement. In addition, investigators can take such training courses at their home institution, if offered.

The Foundation will accept a letter in lieu of a certificate indicating that a human subjects' protection training course has been taken.

Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, the "Privacy Rule," is a federal regulation under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 that governs the protection of individually identifiable health information from covered entities through collaborative or contractual agreements. Decisions about whether and how to implement the Privacy rule reside with the researcher and his/her institution.

Applicant Eligibility

For PODS I: at the time the award commences, and PODS II: at the time of application, the applicant must:

- Possess a license to practice physical therapy in the U.S. or in a U.S. jurisdiction, or
- Have met all the requirements for physical therapy licensure in the U.S. or in a U.S. jurisdiction, including having received a passing score on the licensure exam, or
- Possess a physical therapist assistant license in the U.S. or in a U.S. jurisdiction, or
- Have met all the requirements for licensure as a physical therapist assistant in the U.S. or in a U.S. jurisdiction, including having received a passing score on the licensure exam.
- Be enrolled as a full or part-time student in a regionally, fully accredited post-professional doctoral program whose content has a demonstrated relationship to physical therapy. **Students enrolled in transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t- DPT) programs are not eligible for Foundation scholarship support.**
- Must demonstrate commitment to further the physical therapy profession through research and teaching in the United States and its territories.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

PODS I

- The applicant must have been accepted into a PhD or equivalent program relevant to physical therapy prior to the start of the scholarship year, September 1, for which the proceeds will be used.
- The applicant will be ineligible for a PODS I scholarship if candidacy status (as defined by his/her institution) is achieved prior to the start of the scholarship year, September 1.
- An application submitted as a PODS I will NOT, under any circumstances, be reviewed as a PODS II in the event it is determined that the applicant will achieve candidacy status (as defined by her/her institution) prior to the start of the scholarship year, September 1.

PODS II

- The applicant must have achieved candidacy status (as defined by his/her institution) prior to the start of the scholarship year, September 1.
- An application submitted as a PODS II will NOT, under any circumstances, be reviewed as a PODS I if the SRC determines that the criteria for a PODS II are not met.
- Confirmation of candidacy status must be confirmed in the online application by the mentor/advisor. If candidacy will be achieved after the due date of the online application and before the start of the scholarship year, September 1, written confirmation from the institution must be provided to the Foundation by August 1. If candidacy is not achieved by the start of the scholarship year, funding for the applicant will be withdrawn.

Please note that the Awardee's responsibilities include:

- Fiscal accountability for funds awarded.
- Direct oversight of the scientific process with accountability for the quality of the study as conducted.
- Submission of all progress and final reports to the Foundation.
- Dissemination of results of the study through peer-reviewed publications and public presentation.

If the PODS I or II applicant is a current or prior Foundation funding recipient, he/she/they must be considered in GOOD STANDING with the Foundation to be eligible to apply. If the applicant has not complied with reporting or obligation

requirements associated with the current or prior award, the applicant will NOT be considered in GOOD STANDING with the Foundation and is NOT eligible to apply. Please see sections on Reporting and Requests for Approval of Changes within TERMS AND CONDITIONS for more information.

If award is made to a PODS II applicant that is currently supported by another Foundation funding mechanism that concludes before the Period of Performance begins (September 1st), then the new award is contingent upon the successful submission and approval of the current funding mechanism's Final Report.

Further, there can be no overlap between Foundation funding mechanism periods of performance.

Physical Therapist Assistant applicants, please note: the Foundation supports only those intervention studies in which the interventions are provided by physical therapists, or selected components of the interventions are provided by physical therapist assistants under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Non-Compliance PODS I and II

Failure of the PODS recipient to comply with the policies governing this scholarship may be grounds for early termination of the scholarship and/or denial of any future consideration by the Foundation for any of its programs. Failure to comply with the policies governing this award will result in the PODS recipient NOT to be considered in GOOD STANDING with the Foundation and are NOT eligible to apply.

While completing post-professional doctoral studies, should the PODS recipient encounter problems related to academic progress or other matters related to the scholarship, the Foundation may request additional information from which a decision to continue or to terminate the scholarship can be made. **Should an early termination be warranted, the PODS recipient will receive a 60-day notice from the Foundation.**

If the applicant is a current Foundation funding recipient and is operating under a No-Cost Extension (NCE) agreement, no PENDING applications for this funding mechanism will be considered. Further, there can be no overlap between FPTR funding mechanism periods of performance.

Research Integrity

The Foundation expects the highest ethical standards and compliance with public laws and regulations will be adhered to by all recipients when undertaking any type of research supported by Foundation funds. It is expected that recipients will:

- Be intellectually honest in proposing, performing, and reporting research
- Be accurate in representing contribution in research proposals and reports
- Be fair in peer reviews
- Be collegial in scientific interactions, including communications and sharing of resources
- Be transparent in conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest
- Ensure the protection of human subjects in the conduct of research in compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services' regulations governing the protection of human subjects
- Ensure humane care of animals in the conduct of research in compliance with Public Health Service's policy on humane care and treatment of laboratory animals
- Adhere to the mutual responsibilities between investigators and their research teams.

Obligations/Service

All recipients must agree to the above parameters and

PODS I and II recipients shall agree to:

- (1) Maintain student status during the years in which the scholarship proceeds will be used.

- (2) Attain candidacy status within four years or refund the scholarship(s) in full.
- (3) Register with ORCID and add ORCID Identifier to ProposalCentral.
- (4) Acknowledge the Foundation's support in all publications, including dissertation, and conference presentations as such: **This work was supported in part by a Promotion of Doctoral Studies (PODS) – Level I or Level II Scholarship from the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research.**
- (5) Participate in any evaluation and/or outcome studies, or surveys, related to the scholarship program sponsored by the Foundation.

In addition, upon successful completion of post-professional doctoral studies and the awarding of the degree, recipients of either a PODS I or PODS II award will:

- (1) Provide an acknowledgment of the Foundation support in the dissertation.
- (2) Provide the Foundation with an electronic copy of the abstract of the dissertation,
- (3) Show evidence of having submitted or presented material related to the dissertation research to APTA's CSM Conference for a poster or platform presentation within two years of graduation; and
- (4) Participate in any studies of scholarship recipients sponsored by the Foundation.

PODS, either I or II recipients who cannot comply with any of these obligations and/or requirements must notify the Foundation in writing and request an extension of the requirements (see page 7, Request for Approval of Changes). **Failure to meet these obligations and/or requirements will jeopardize the PODS recipient's GOOD STANDING with the Foundation and could make them ineligible to apply for future Foundation funding.**

Reporting

Recipients shall provide reports to the **Foundation** following the schedule guidelines described below. Failure to submit a report by the stated deadline will delay or jeopardize continued or future support by the **Foundation**. **If the recipient fails to comply with reporting requirements, he/she will NOT be considered in GOOD STANDING with FPTR and will NOT be eligible to apply for any other FPTR funding mechanism.** If funds are to be paid on an alternate payment schedule, the reporting schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Interim Report: If the applicant is not applying for additional funding an interim report must be submitted at proposalcentral.com to release the 2nd installment of funds. Instructions related to this submission can be found at proposalcentral.com or you can request information related to these reports at Info@Foundation4pt.org.

Progress Report: All recipients shall submit Progress Report(s) through proposalcentral.com. For a 1-year scholarship, one Progress Report is due 6 months into the award year. An award with a 2-year Period of Performance will require Progress Reports at 6 months, 12 months and 18 months. A Progress Report shall include:

1. A brief summary of work completed during the Scholarship Year.
2. A discussion of any major problems (if any) encountered to date.
3. Objectives accomplished as compared to the original timeline.
4. An explanation and justification for any deviation from the original plan of action.
5. An explanation of any proposed changes to the plan.

In addition, the report(s) should include a list of presentations, abstracts, and articles published or submitted for publication related to this study.

The recipient is also required to submit electronic copies of the following:

1. Copies of abstracts and articles related to this project.
2. Copies of any survey instruments developed or used in the course of the project.
3. Copies of measurement instruments developed or used in the project.
4. Any other information pertinent to the research project.

Failure to submit a Progress Report on time may delay or forfeit the release of the next increment of funding.

Final Report: All recipients are expected to submit a Final Report to the **Foundation** within thirty (30) days of completion of

their funded [PODS I or II award at proposalcentral.com](#). **Failure to submit a Final Report will bar the recipient from any future Foundation funding as the recipient will NOT be considered in GOOD STANDING. Further, any PENDING funding award from the Foundation will be contingent upon the submission and approval of a Final Report if there is overlap between the current Period of Performance and the other funding mechanism's application deadline.**

The content of the Final Report may reiterate the details of any Interim/Progress Report and should be complete up to the last day of the award period. The final Report must be submitted through [proposalcentral.com](#). The Final Report must also include in clearly defined sections as outlined on the platform:

1. A summary description of the overall program, work completed, and the results of the dissertation study, if completed.
2. An abstract of any research projects undertaken during the period of support (suitable for reprint by the Foundation).
3. A list of publications or manuscripts submitted for publication as a result of work supported fully or in part by the Foundation.
4. A financial report detailing expenditures supported by the scholarship.
5. Plans for dissemination of information related to the study

Recipients are also required to update the electronic abstract with the following information and upload to ProposalCentral at the time the Final Report is submitted:

1. **Findings:** Results from the project.
2. **Lay Language Summary:** An *updated* description of the project in terms a non-physical therapist can understand that includes a *summary of the project findings*, suitable for distribution and publication by the Foundation.
3. A complete list of all presentations, abstracts, and articles submitted, in press, or published that are related to this study.

Additional Final Report Requirement for PODS II recipients: Within 30 days of completion of the doctorate, PODS II recipients must submit a copy of the abstract of his/her Foundation-supported doctoral dissertation research project to the Foundation at [proposalcentral.com](#).

Dissertation: The recipient shall submit to the Foundation an electronic copy of his/her dissertation abstract at [proposalcentral.com](#) as soon as possible following successful defense of the dissertation and awarding of the degree with confirmation that it has been successfully defended (a scanned PDF of the signed cover page is sufficient).

Publications: A copy of each published manuscript based on research supported fully or in part by the Foundation shall, upon publication, be submitted through ProposalCentral.

Request for Approval of Changes

Changes to the Plan: The recipient must obtain written approval from the **Foundation** before making any material change in the plan of action, timetable for completion (including no-cost extensions), acquisition of subjects, etc. Requests for changes to the plan must be made in writing. The **Foundation shall have thirty (30) days to review such requests and respond in writing to the recipient**. If the request is made less than thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled payment, funds may be held until approval of any changes is given.

No-Cost Extension (NCE): A written request for extension of reporting deadlines with no additional funding must outline in detail the reasons for the request. **Such a request must be received by the Foundation 30 days prior to the expiration of the original term of the scholarship**. Please fill out the No Cost Extension Template with in ProposalCentral Deliverables section to request. In general, it is the policy of the Foundation to consider granting no-cost extensions for scholarships only under the following conditions:

1. All reports have been filed with the Foundation in a timely fashion as specified in the Letter of Agreement.
2. The Foundation has been notified of the need for an extension at least 30 days in advance of the award's termination.
3. When the reason for the request is a change or pending change in the status of the scholarship recipient that

prevents the accomplishment of the goals and objectives for which the award was made, **the awardee shall have notified the Foundation of such change or pending change within five days of the awardee's becoming aware of such change.**

If the Foundation, in its sole discretion, believes that its interests are best protected by allowing the PODS recipient to use all or some of the funds awarded to complete an education program, a research project or portion of a research project, a no-cost extension may be granted as determined by the Foundation's CEO.

In the event that a NCE is granted, no PENDING applications for other Foundation funding mechanisms from the recipient will be considered until the term of the extension has expired, and the recipient has met the requirements of the award.

Changes in Status of PODS I or II Recipient: The recipient must notify the **Foundation** upon becoming aware of any changes or pending changes (e.g., changes of major advisor) that may prevent accomplishment or substantially alter the goals and objectives of the research program. **Such notice must be received by the Foundation within five (5) days of the recipient's becoming aware of any such change or pending change.** The **Foundation** may request additional information from which a decision to continue or to terminate the **PODS I or II** can be made. The **Foundation**, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the change jeopardizes the PODS recipient's ability to complete the education program, a research project or portion of a research project and whether funding of the project shall continue. **In cases of early termination, the recipient and Sponsoring Institution shall be notified by the Foundation in writing sixty (60) days prior to the termination of the award.** The Sponsoring Institution should be aware that if the decision is made by any party to terminate the grant, any unpaid award increments may be forfeited, or pro-rated and/or unused funds already awarded will be requested to be returned to **the Foundation**.

If the recipient fails to notify the Foundation at all or not within the specified time period, they will NOT be considered in GOOD STANDING and will NOT be eligible to apply for any other Foundation funding mechanism.

Ownership of Equipment

Title to all apparatus, equipment, material, instruments, and products purchased, built, prepared or fabricated by an agency with **Foundation** research funds will normally vest in the recipient, with the understanding that such equipment will remain in use for the specific project for which it was obtained.

For items of equipment having a unity acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more, the award letter may reserve the right to transfer title to the **Foundation** or to a third party named by the **Foundation** when such third party is otherwise eligible.

Data Sharing Policy

To ensure new knowledge can be accessed, read, applied, and elaborated in fulfillment of these goals, the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research encourages funded researchers to share data with the research community and with further expectations to publish their findings, including but not limited to publication in peer reviewed journals.

For guidance refer to: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data_sharing/data_sharing_guidance.htm#ex

All clinical trials must be registered.

Foundation Credit Acknowledgement

To ensure that support provided by the **Foundation** is adequately reflected, all publications, presentations, and press releases prepared in connection with the research program must include an appropriate credit line as follows:

"This research has been supported in full/part with a PODS I or II Award from the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research."

Posters must display the **Foundation** logo and presentations must use the **Foundation** funding acknowledgement slide

provided at time of award.

The Letter of Agreement will specify the endowment or funder that made the **PODS I or II possible** which should be added to the acknowledgement as well.

The Foundation may not consider future funding requests from the Sponsoring Organization/Institution and will deny future funding to the recipient if credit acknowledgment is not included.

*Publications Resulting from **PODS I or II Awards***

- Publications are not subject to **Foundation** approval.
- The Sponsoring Organization/Institution or recipient shall notify the **Foundation** of the intention to release for publication the results of **Foundation**-funded research.
- One (1) copy of all submitted papers should be sent through **ProposalCentral** at the time of submission.
- One (1) copy of all published papers and/or abstracts relating to the funded study should be submitted through **ProposalCentral** immediately upon publication.
- For a period of five (5) years following the completion of the project and submission of the Final Report, upon request, the recipient is required to submit information through **ProposalCentral** regarding all submitted, in press or published papers; and submitted or accepted abstracts related to the **PODS I or II Award**.

*Presentations Resulting from **PODS I or II Awards***

- Presentations are not subject to **Foundation** approval.
- The Sponsoring Organization/Institution or grantee shall notify the **Foundation** of the intention to present the results of **Foundation** - funded research.
- The recipient is required to submit results from the completed project to a national or international conference (preferably APTA) for a poster or platform presentation within two (2) years after completion of the **PODS I or II Awards**.
- One (1) copy of all poster presentations and exhibits relating to the funded study should be added to **ProposalCentral** immediately following presentation.

For a period of five (5) years following the completion of the **PODS I or II Awards and submission of the Final Report, the recipient is required to submit summary information to the **Foundation** at least annually regarding each poster presentation and/or exhibit presentation related to the **PODS I or II Awards** project.**

*Press Releases Concerning **PODS I or II Awards***

- Press releases prepared by the recipient are not subject to the **Foundation's** approval.
- For a period of three (3) years following completion of the **PODS I or II Awards** and submission of the Final Report, the recipient shall provide the **Foundation** through **ProposalCentral** with an electronic informational copy of all announcements to the media related to the recipient and/or the work to be done or work accomplished under the **PODS I or II Awards**.
- **The Foundation** may use the abstract from the original grant proposal and information contained in the electronic abstract and the Progress and Final Reports in preparing announcements to the media and other efforts to promote public awareness and appraise potential **Foundation** funding sources of work in progress.

Royalties/Patent Policy

Any invention that has been accorded by **Foundation** support shall herein be referred to as a **Foundation** Invention. The **PODS I or II Award** recipient shall notify the **Foundation** in writing within thirty (30) days of the filing by the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or recipient of any application for a patent, and of any invention first introduced into practice with the financial support, in whole or in part, of the **Foundation**.

Title: Title to any **Foundation** Invention shall belong to the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or recipient and not to the **Foundation**.

Patent Abandonment: No patent application or patent shall be abandoned by the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or grantee without first notifying the **Foundation** in writing and affording the **Foundation** the opportunity to take title to the **Foundation** Invention and pursue the patent process at the **Foundation's** expense.

Revenue Sharing: It is expressly understood that the **Foundation** shall share 50/50 in the Net Royalty Income derived from a **Foundation** Invention. Net Royalty Income is defined as gross royalty income generated by the **Foundation Invention** less the direct, out-of-pocket patent costs of the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or recipient. The **Foundation** shall have the right to accounting with respect to the determination of Net Royalty Income.

Upon notification of the filing of a patent application, the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or **PODS I or II Award** recipient shall enter into a written agreement (the Revenue Sharing Agreement) with the **Foundation** wherein the sum certain, method of payment, and duration of **Foundation's** participation shall be scheduled.

Any disputes between the parties related to the Revenue Sharing Agreement shall be settled in arbitration by a majority of three arbitrators. **The Foundation** and the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or **PODS I or II Award** recipient shall each designate one arbitrator, and the two so selected shall select the third arbitrator. Any such arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

Patent Assignment: In the event the Sponsoring Organization/ Institution or recipient or licensee, if any, has not taken effective steps to bring **FPTR** Invention to practical application within three (3) years after the issuance of a United States patent on such a **FPTR** Invention, the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or recipient agrees to assign said patent to **FPTR**. Notice of such right of assignment to **FPTR** shall be included and agreed to in any licensing agreement entered into between the Sponsoring Organization/Institution or recipient and third-party licensee. **FPTR** shall have the right to cancel any licenses issued under said patent upon exercising the right of assignment.

Government Agencies: Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any **FPTR** Invention is made with joint support of **FPTR** and any agency or department of the United States Government, **FPTR** may defer to the patent policy of that agency or department if such deference is a required condition of support provided by the agency or department.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF *PODS I and II Award* APPLICATION

The **Foundation's** SRC has responsibility for reviewing applications for the **PODS I and II Award**. The SRC, in evaluating applications, will take into account the following:

Applicant: Is the applicant's academic record of high quality? A summary of the applicant's professional background, future goals, publications and presentations will be considered. Does the applicant demonstrate a commitment to research and teaching in the field of physical therapy? Does the applicant have the potential to develop as an independent and productive researcher?

Mentors, Advisors, Facilities: Are the research qualifications (including successful completion of funded research) and track record of mentoring PhD students appropriate for the field? Are the research interests of the applicant and mentor compatible? Does the mentor have adequate understanding of the applicant's research training needs? Does the mentor demonstrate the ability and commitment to assist in meeting the training needs?

Objectives and Plan of Study: Does the applicant outline appropriate objectives of graduate study that will enable them to become an independent investigator? Does the proposed plan of study address the applicant's objectives stage of the degree program in which the applicant is currently studying? Will the plan of study provide the applicant with experiences that will develop research skills needed for their independent and productive research career? Is the likely research direction of the applicant consistent with the APTA's Research Agenda? Does the applicant describe the potential significance and feasibility of the research plan?

Training Plan

Are the goals and objectives consistent with how proposed research will be carried out? Is the Training Plan consistent with

the applicant's stage of research development? Will the Training Plan provide the applicant with individualized and supervised experiences that will develop research skills needed for his/her independent and productive research career?

Timeline

Is the timeline realistic for the applicant's proposed work and course of training?

Progress and Potential: Does the program and proposed plan of study have the potential to provide the applicant with requisite individualized and supervised experiences that will develop their research skills? Does the program and proposed plan of study have the potential to serve as a sound foundation that will lead the applicant to an independent and productive researcher? Is the applicant demonstrative continued progression, through examination of transcripts of required coursework, completion of comprehensive exams, approval of dissertation proposal, and time dedicated to dissertation work, towards completion of doctoral programs?

Institutional Environment and Commitment to Training: Are the facilities, resources, (e.g., equipment, lab space, computer time, subject populations) and training opportunities appropriate to develop a researcher who is capable of designing and implementing high quality research? Is there appropriate institutional commitment to fostering the applicant's education and training as an independent and productive researcher?

Additional Considerations: Reviewers may address other considerations such as format, cohesiveness, and completeness of applications.

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