PCORI: Navigating the Application Process

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Disclosures

Research Support
National Institutes of Health
American Heart Association
Foundation for Physical Therapy
HealthSouth Corporation
Barnes Jewish Hospital Foundation
Missouri Physical Therapy Association

Consultant/Advisory Board
NIH Toolbox – Somatosensation
NIDRR – RRTC at Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Neurolutions, Inc.
The PCORI website as the starting point

www.pcori.org

- PCORI funding priorities (declared areas and funded applications)
- Funding mechanisms
- Dates/Deadlines
- Instructions
- Online submission site
Letter of Intent

PI Information

Project Information
Program, Funding Opportunity, Cycle
Project Title
Direct costs greater than $500K? ... if yes, extra form
Project longer than 3 years? ...if yes, extra form
Technical Abstract

Key Personnel

Additional Information
A series of questions about your project in order to categorize, find reviewer expertise, etc.
The Application Itself

Change or revise nearly anything in the letter of intent

Narratives (3000 characters)

Specific Aims (3000 characters)

Public Abstract (3000 characters)

Budget Summary

Milestones
The Application Itself

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Research Plan
- Research Strategy (15 pages)
- Dissemination and Implementation Potential (2 pages)
- Reproducibility and Transparency of Research (2 pages)
- Protection of Human Subjects (5 pages)
- References Cited (10 pages)
- Consortium/Contractual Arrangements (5 pages)
- Appendix (optional, 10 pages)

People and Places
- Biosketches (4 pages/person)
- Performance sites and resources (15 pages)
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Budget Template

Budget Justification

Letters of Support
Tips

1. Start months in advance.
2. Keep checking the website for changing rules, deadlines, forms, etc.
3. Involve patients and caregivers at most steps along the way.
4. These are often big, complicated projects; don’t underestimate the coordination efforts required.
5. Substantial coordination is required for both the science part and the administrative parts – everything has to fit together.
6. Seek out feedback from a variety of sources.
7. Listen to the feedback.
8. Tell others the deadline is sooner than it really is.
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