

Foundation for Physical Therapy Research

2025 Funding Opportunities

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Our Purpose

Advance the quality and impact of a sustained supply of PT researchers and evidence that will enable the profession to provide high-quality, evidence-based physical therapy to all who need it.



Funding Opportunities

Doctoral studies

Post-doctoral fellowships

Research grants

Our Value Proposition

- Support for academic research degree education
- Rigorous application, peer review ensure quality and help prepare students and researchers for successful careers seeking research funding
- Post-award management requirements that help build PI grant management skills

2025 Scholarships



Promotion of Doctoral Studies Scholarships

- Must intend to pursue a career in PT-related research
- Licensed PTs or PTAs and APTA members pursuing a PhD, EdD, DSc and other academic research degrees are eligible
- Scholars may receive up to four awards (total = \$45,000)
- New applications each year; do not have to be sequential
- Applications open mid-October every year
- Awards start in September and end the next August

Pre-candidacy doctoral students

- \$7,500 per award
- Maximum of two

Doctoral candidates

- \$15,000 per award
- Maximum of two



Tips for Scholarship Applications

- ❖ Read and follow the guidelines and instructions carefully
- ❖ Be clear about your objectives and research plans
- ❖ Have a research design that makes sense; show command of your methods and provide an adequate analysis plan
- ❖ Make sure your mentor reads your application and comments substantively both editorially and technically
- ❖ Key elements in review
 - ❖ Your potential to become a successful researcher
 - ❖ Academic record; attention to methods, subject protections
 - ❖ The match of your mentor(s) to your aims and plans
 - ❖ Progression in your program
 - ❖ Avoid gaps in required information, lack of technical detail
 - ❖ Write as well as you can and have someone edit/copyedit it
 - ❖ Candidates must have research methods, stats, protections





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2025 Post-doctoral Fellowship



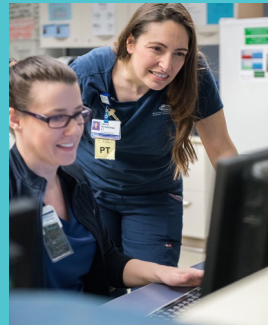
Post-doctoral Fellowship

- Licensed PTs or PTAs and APTA members
- Received a PhD, EdD, DSc or other academic research degree within 2 years of applying
- Tentatively planning \$75,000/one-year
- Intend to pursue a career in PT-related research
- Have identified the sponsoring institution
- Will devote 100% time to the post-doc workplan
- Have identified a suitable mentor
- Does not fund new research by the post-doc as PI



Tips for Fellowship Applications

- ❖ Read the guidelines and instructions carefully and follow them
- ❖ Have clear research objectives, e.g. learn new research methods and skills, research in a new discipline
- ❖ Have a clear plan that shows measurable aims and measurable expected knowledge and learning outcomes
- ❖ We are looking for research experiences that are different from and complement your doctoral research not continue it
- ❖ Show how the fellowship better prepares you for a research career and to win grants and conduct high-quality, rigorous research that meets priority PT research evidence needs
- ❖ Key elements in review
 - ❖ Your potential to become a successful researcher
 - ❖ Clearly identified benefits to your research knowledge and skills
 - ❖ The match of the opportunity and mentor(s)
 - ❖ Likelihood of success in one year and impact on career path





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2025 Research Grants

General information

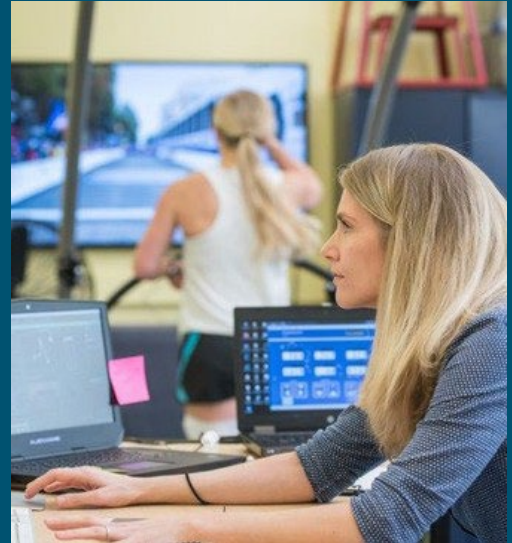
- Awarded for 1 or 2 years (40k); 2 years only (100k)
- Applications are likely to open in March
- PI must be a PT or PTA and a member of APTA
- Academy-sponsored grants require academy membership
- Must have an eligible sponsoring institution
- We do not fund product research supported by the product owner
- Must be addressing a priority listed in the APTA Research Agenda

2025 Research grants not restricted by topic or population

Magistro Family Foundation
(\$100k)

Paris Patla Physical Therapy
(\$100k)

Foundation Research Grant
(\$40k)



Past Magistro Grant recipient Cristine Agresta studies ACLR recovery



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Health Services Research (tentatively planned)

Paris Patla Manual Therapy (\$100k)

Orthopedics (\$40k)

Emerging investigator grants

Foundation (40k)

Orthopedics (40k)



Tips for Grant Applications

- ❖ Magistro and the Paris Patla grants are evaluative
- ❖ Cost effectiveness analysis on larger grants and some cost data analysis in smaller ones adds to score
- ❖ Have a research design that is feasible, valid, and well presented
 - ❖ We have expanded the types of research designs beyond clinical experimental
 - ❖ Avoid submitting designs that are not going to yield significant, valid, useful results
- ❖ Key elements in review
 - ❖ Focus on your research plan presentation and details
 - ❖ Clearly demonstrated need and clear objectives and research questions
 - ❖ Methods match the questions being asked
 - ❖ Address limitations and showing how risks will be mitigated
 - ❖ If recruiting human subjects, the recruitment and retention plans are very important
 - ❖ Importance of the research to build evidence and knowledge, test, innovate
 - ❖ Likelihood of successful implementation
 - ❖ Likelihood the grant will contribute to advancing a researcher's career

Where to find out more

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