



Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Funding

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The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is authorized by Congress to conduct research to provide information about the best available evidence to help patients and their health care providers make more informed decisions. PCORI's research is intended to give patients a better understanding of the prevention, treatment and care options available, and the science that supports those options.

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Learn what drives our work and what we hope to achieve

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Letter of Intent Deadline:	Letters of Intent will be screened for responsiveness and fit to program goals. Only those selected will be permitted to submit full applications. Notification of request to submit full application will occur no later than April 7, 2014. PCORI encourages prospective applicants to contact us with questions prior to the deadline.																
Summary:	<p>Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) seeks to fund pragmatic clinical trials (PCTs), large simple trials (LSTs), or large-scale observational studies that compare two or more alternatives for addressing prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or management of a disease or symptom; improving health care system-level approaches to managing care; or for eliminating health or healthcare disparities. Proposed studies must address critical clinical choices faced by patients, their caregivers, clinicians, and/or delivery systems. They must involve broadly representative patient populations and be large enough to provide precise estimates of hypothesized effectiveness differences and to support evaluation of potential differences in treatment effectiveness in patient subgroups. For this solicitation, PCORI is requiring that relevant patient organizations, professional organizations, and/or payer or purchaser organizations be included as partners and actively participate in the study. PCORI expects that most awards will be made for study designs that use randomization, either of individual participants or clusters, to avoid confounding bias. However, we recognize that exceptional opportunities may arise, by virtue of natural experiments and/or the existence of large registries, to address pragmatic questions using observational designs. This new PCORI program will not support proposals to conduct evidence synthesis or to develop decision-support tools. This announcement is a collaborative effort of PCORI's Clinical Effectiveness, Improving Healthcare Systems, and Addressing Disparities research programs. Thus, proposals for pragmatic studies may fit within any of these three priority areas.</p>																
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www.pcori.org/assets/2014/02/PCORI-PFA-2014-Spring-Pragmatic-Studies.pdf

Pragmatic Clinical Studies FAQs →

Questions About Your Research Application?

For questions about the nature of your research, please call us at 202-627-1884 or **complete our inquiry form** to schedule a call with program staff.

For questions about the application process, templates or a technical question, please email pfa@pcori.org for a faster response.

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Partner in Research



Patients, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders who'd like to be part of a PCORI-funded research team can connect with researchers through the new PCOR Partner List service.

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Spring 2014 Funding Cycle

PCORI Funding Announcement: Pragmatic Clinical Studies and Large Simple Trials to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes

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Review Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Impact of the condition on the health of individuals and populations2. Potential for the study to improve health care and outcomes3. Technical merit4. Patient-centeredness5. Patient and stakeholder engagement
Applicant Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Applicant FAQsApplicant Town Hall Webinar ArchiveApplication ChecklistPCORI Application GuidelinesBudget Justification TemplateBudget Summary for the Entire Project TemplateDetailed Budget TemplateEngagement TemplateFrequently Asked QuestionsMethodology Report and StandardsPeople and Places TemplatePCORI Funded Projects: Sample Engagement PlansPCORI Online SystemPCORI Online System User Manual: Submitting a Letter of IntentPCORI Online System User Manual: Submitting an Application (Pragmatic Studies)PCORI Policy on Submission of Research Contract ApplicationsResearch Plan TemplateResearch Topics of InterestSample Contract for Funded Research ProjectsTechnical Abstract Template
Other:	*Deadlines are at 5:00 PM ET. If deadlines fall on a weekend or a federal holiday, the deadline will be the following Monday or the next day after the federal holiday.

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PCORI Application Guidelines for Pragmatic Clinical Studies and Large Simple Trials to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes

Published February 5, 2014

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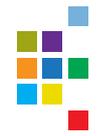
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Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options	Letter of Intent: 9/5/2014 Application: 11/4/2014	Fall 2014	TBD	TBD	\$32 Million
Improving Healthcare Systems	Letter of Intent: 9/5/2014 Application: 11/4/2014	Fall 2014	TBD	TBD	\$16 Million
Communication and Dissemination Research	Letter of Intent: 9/5/2014 Application: 11/4/2014	Fall 2014	TBD	TBD	\$8 Million
Addressing Disparities	Letter of Intent: 9/5/2014 Application: 11/4/2014	Fall 2014	TBD	TBD	\$8 Million
Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research	Letter of Intent: 9/5/2014 Application: 11/4/2014	Fall 2014	TBD	TBD	\$12 Million
Large Pragmatic Studies to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes	Letter of Intent: 10/01/2014 Application:	Winter 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD

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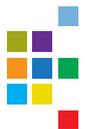
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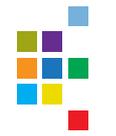
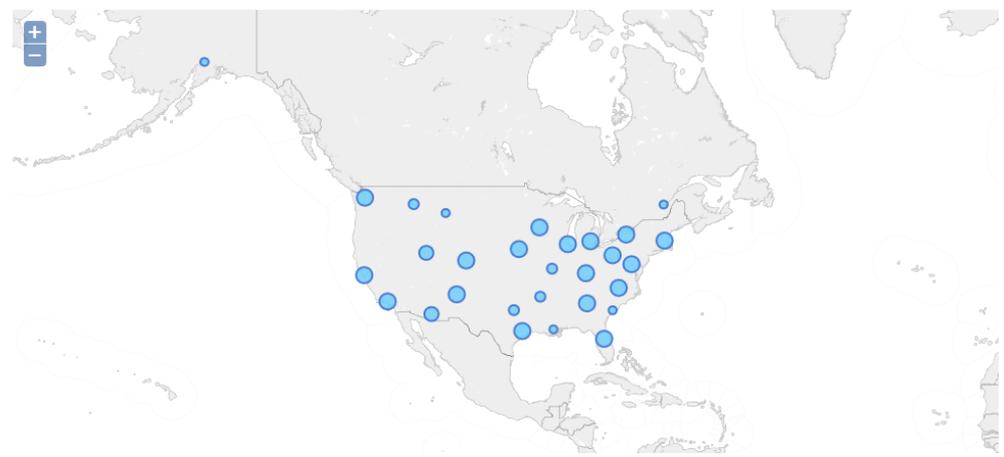
PCORI Funding Awards

Most of our primary research funding is awarded through PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs), broad calls for projects aligned with our five **National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda**. We also issue "targeted" announcements on specific high-priority topics, special one-time funding opportunities, and earlier funded a series of Pilot Projects to study methods for engaging stakeholders in research. In addition, we have launched a series of **Engagement Awards**, including our first **Pipeline to Proposal awards**; these are not research awards but are designed to better integrate patients and other stakeholders into the research process.

All proposed projects, including requested budgets and project periods, are approved subject to a programmatic and budget review by PCORI staff and negotiation of a formal award contract.

VIEW FUNDING AWARDS: Use the map below to explore our awards; scroll down or use the filter options below for awards listings (e.g. Filter by Funding Announcement). Zoom in on the map greater geographic detail or use the drop-down menus to filter our database. Note: some dots may overlap because of multiple awards to certain institutions or in the same general location.

Download Complete List of Awards (PDF):
[Pilot Projects | Cycle I | Cycle II | Cycle III/Inaugural Improving Methods | August 2013 Cycle/Asthma Awards/PCORnet | Pipeline to Proposal Tier I](#)



Helpful Hints

- LOI are longer, required and sometimes used as a screen
- Submission interface for letters and proposals take longer than NIH
- Cost and cost effectiveness aims are not allowed
- Right now you can submit application as many times as you want for their standard calls
- Look carefully at website for materials and for upcoming webinars
- PCORI takes the Patient and Stakeholder Engagement seriously (e.g., PCORI Patient and Family Engagement Rubric)



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