

Clinical Research Grant
Sponsored by the Hand Rehabilitation Section
American Physical Therapy Association
GRANT DESCRIPTION

Purpose: The Hand Rehabilitation Section aims to support scientific inquiry by members of the APTA and in specific members of the Hand Rehabilitation Section by funding studies that advance knowledge relevant to hand and upper quarter practice issues. This grant addresses the need to fund clinical research studies in physical therapy to support evidenced-base practice. This grant is designed to assist members who need external funding to complete the project.

Types of Studies: To qualify for funding the study must be designed to examine the efficacy or effectiveness of a treatment approach or the meaningfulness of an examination procedure used by physical therapists in hand and upper quarter rehabilitation. Quantitative and qualitative scientific projects are welcome.

Funding: This grant is designed to assist physical therapists who are ready to begin a project but need additional resources to purchase equipment or supplies, pay consultation fees, recruit patients, or fund time of clinicians participating in the project. No indirect costs will be funded by this grant.

Recipient responsibilities:

- ✓ Investigators receiving funding are required to present their results through the Hand Rehabilitation Section at CSM within two years after receiving the funding in poster or platform format.
- ✓ The investigators are encouraged to submit manuscript for publication in a peer-reviewed journal or the Hand Rehabilitation Section's publication, Hand Prints.
- ✓ A written progress report should be sent to the Chair of the Research Committee of the Hand Section within two years of the receipt of the funding.
- ✓ Unused awarded funds should be returned to the Hand Rehabilitation Section upon completion of the project.

Criteria for Funding:

- The principal investigator must be a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, an APTA member. Preference will be given to a Hand Rehabilitation Section member.
- The study must involve clinical research on a well-defined sample of subjects. Patient studies are preferred, but studies involving normal subject may be acceptable if the relevance to clinical practice is very clear.
- Preference will be given to outcomes assessment.
- Institutional Review Board approval from participating site(s) and/or letters of support from all participating facilities. IRB approval is required prior to initiation of the study.

- Priority will be given to projects that are not currently receiving funding. *If receiving current funding, justification for potential overlap of funding should be provided.*
- The funding period will be one year.
- Evidence of some pilot work will strengthen the application.
- The principal investigator may reapply for additional funding if judged appropriate. Funding for extension of projects will only be given on a competitive basis with new applicants for the year that the extension is requested. Requests for an extension need to follow the same format as a new application. The applicants need to state in a cover letter that the request is to extend a study.

Determination of the Award: Deadline for submission of grant proposals is **April 1 to August 1**. Each application should include one original and five copies of all material. The Research Committee will review and evaluate each eligible application. All applicants will be notified of the results no later than **July 1 to November 1**, of the same year.

For additional information or to receive an application, call, write or e-mail:

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