



Help Wanted: PCORI Merit Reviewers

Are you a scientist, patient, or other healthcare stakeholder who is passionate and committed to improving patient-centered outcomes research? Apply now to help review applications for PCORI funding.

As part of our commitment to “research done differently,” our review process includes representatives of the full spectrum of the healthcare community—scientists, patients, caregivers, physicians and nurses, industry representatives, payers, and other stakeholders. Their combined perspectives and expertise help ensure that the research we fund meets criteria for scientific rigor and also reflects the interests and views of patients and those who care for them. Members of standing panels participate in multiple review cycles, contributing experience and continuity. We also seek additional reviewers for each cycle to bring fresh perspectives and insights.

WHAT

Reviewers critique and score applications, providing important information that is carefully considered by our staff and Board of Governors when deciding which applications to approve for funding.

WHO

Reviewers critique and score applications, providing important information. Each application is reviewed by two scientists, a patient (e.g., an individual who has or has had a condition or a family member of such a patient), and a stakeholder (e.g., a healthcare provider or purchaser, a representative of a healthcare organization or industry group, or a policymaker).

HOW

We provide training so all participants feel comfortable joining in this effort and fully understand the importance of the patient-centered aspects of PCORI’s evaluation criteria and review process.

WHEN

You can apply at any time to serve as a reviewer at www.pcori.org/get-involved/reviewers. Applications are reviewed by PCORI staff and individuals selected as potential reviewers will be notified about training opportunities.

Individuals invited to be PCORI reviewers will:

- Understand and apply PCORI’s mission, vision, and review criteria.
- Complete approximately two hours of reviewer training.
- Identify any current or potential conflicts of interest.
- Review several applications—the number depends on how many were submitted and the number of reviewers with specific expertise.
- Agree to review all assigned applications for a single round of funding and prepare a written critique and score each application reviewed.
- Read other reviewers’ critiques of approximately 20 additional applications prior to discussions in a merit review panel meeting.
- Participate in a two-day merit review panel meeting. In-person attendance is required unless exceptional circumstances (such as a disability) prevent travel.
- Receive a stipend for each application reviewed and an honorarium of \$200 per day for attending the merit review meeting. All travel and lodging is coordinated and paid for, or reimbursed, by PCORI.



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The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is an independent organization created to help people make better-informed healthcare decisions.