



Instructions to Current Awardees for Requesting PCORI Funds to Support Return of Aggregate Results to Study Participants

PCORI is dedicated to facilitating the return of aggregate study results to participants enrolled in each funded research project. PCORI has recently revised its PFAs to allow applicants to propose activities for the return of aggregate results to participants, and to request funding to support these activities.

To extend our awardees' opportunity to return findings from their research to study participants, we are offering awardees whose projects were funded **prior to July, 2020** the option to request support for results return activities. Requests must be prospective: the proposed return of aggregate results must not have taken place prior to the submission of the request. The amount of the request may be **up to \$2500**, though large studies with over 5,000 participants may request additional funds if this amount is insufficient. These funds are intended to cover costs such as printing, postage, or administrative costs associated with email distribution.

To request that PCORI provide funds to cover the return of aggregate results to study participants, Awardees must meet the following criteria:

- The PCORI project must have been funded prior to Cycle 2 2020.
- The project must have enrolled study participants. Projects using secondary data or anonymous participants are ineligible.
- The project must be able to recontact its participants in compliance with IRB and/or institutional policies and any applicable federal, state, and local laws.

If the project satisfies these criteria, the awardee team should send an email to resultsreturn@pcori.org with the following information:

Project Details

- a. Project title, PCORI contract number, award date, principal investigator name, awardee institution.
- b. Indicate whether your award has been closed out.
- c. A contact name, email, and telephone number—in case PCORI needs to reach you for additional information

Returning Results

- d. How much money are you requesting to return results to your participants? *You may request **up to \$2500**, though large studies with over 5,000 participants may request additional funds if this amount is insufficient.*
- e. Describe the activities you propose for returning results to study participants. Please indicate whether you are:
 - Mailing materials to participants
 - Email or other electronic delivery of materials to participants
- f. Indicate if you are using:
 - The lay language Results Summary PCORI posts upon study completion
 - Other summary materials
- g. Are you undertaking additional activities to return results to study participants? If so, do these include (check all that apply):
 - Posting to a study website or portal
 - Webinar
 - In-person Meeting (Townhall)
 - Other activities (please describe) _____
- h. A statement confirming that you are able to recontact study participants to return aggregate results in a manner that accords with the study's informed consent document(s); any applicable IRB or institutional practices, policies, and requirements; and any applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Please note that formal projects to develop written, video, or other materials as a means of presenting the aggregate results are beyond the scope and intent of this funding.

If PCORI approves your request, we will ask you to submit an invoice to finance@PCORI.org.