

Engagement Award: PPRN Limited Competition

Applicant Town Hall

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PCORI and Engagement



About US

- An independent research institute authorized by Congress in 2010 and governed by a 21-member Board of Governors representing the entire healthcare community.
- Funds comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) that engages patients and other stakeholders throughout the research process.
- Seeks answers to real-world questions about what works best for patients based on their circumstances and concerns.






Our Mission and Strategic Goals



PCORI helps people make informed healthcare decisions, and improves healthcare delivery and outcomes, by producing and promoting high-integrity, evidence-based information that comes from **research guided by patients, caregivers, and the broader healthcare community.**

Our Strategic Goals:

-  Increase quantity, quality, and timeliness of useful, trustworthy research information available to support health decisions.
-  Speed the implementation and use of patient-centered outcomes research evidence.
-  Influence research funded by others to be more patient-centered.

Why Engage?

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To influence research to be patient-centered, relevant, and useful

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To establish trust and a sense of legitimacy in research findings

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To encourage successful uptake and use of research results



Engagement as a Path to Useful, High-Quality Research

**Topic Selection
and Research
Prioritization**



**Proposal Review;
Design and
Conduct of
Research**

**Dissemination and
Implementation of
Results**

Evaluation

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Eugene Washington PCORI
Engagement Award Program
Overview



Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program



- Support projects to build a community of patients and other stakeholders equipped to participate as partners in clinical comparative effectiveness research (CER), as well as serve as channels to disseminate PCORI-funded study results
- Funding for projects, **NOT research**



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PPRN Limited Competition

Overview

- PCORI envisions a future in which patient-/participant-driven research organizations play a greater role in guiding the entire clinical and care delivery research enterprise.
- Phase II PCORnet PPRNs can play a pivotal role by:
 - Joining in a network that capitalizes on the accomplishments
 - Continuing to develop and test innovative resources and approaches to involving patients and participants in research
 - Articulating and modeling constructive roles that can be emulated by other such organizations to make clinical research more efficient, effective, and useful

Overview (cont.)

- Two activities of this network are fundamental:
 - Elaborating the model of the patient-/participant-driven research organization and the advantages of participating in this network
 - Exploring ways organizations can contribute to enhanced enrollment in clinical research projects by eligible organizational members and others

Applicants should describe...

Models that deliver value
to patients
and communities

Meaningful leadership by
communities

Reciprocal relationships
focused on
increasing participant-
driven research

Active research portfolio

Contributions to a larger
network

Demonstrated willingness
to participate in peer-to-
peer learning



Proposed activities that...

Reflect a coordinated strategy

Build capacity to demonstrate efficiency/ effectiveness/ value of participant-driven research

Address the needs of the research enterprise

Are designed to generalize to other organizations

Test new ways of operating that rely on a diversity of funding sources

Establish or strengthen relationships with other participant-driven research organizations and large clinical data networks

Activities Non-Responsive to this PFA

- Out of Scope for an PPRN Limited Competition Engagement Award:
 - Research studies (PCORI funds these through other opportunities)
 - Projects solely intended to improve patient engagement in healthcare service delivery or patient self-care rather than healthcare research
 - Delivery of health care
 - Development of clinical practice guidelines
 - Cost-effectiveness analysis
 - Projects focused solely on development of research proposals or submission of applications for funding
- Note that this list is slightly different from other Engagement Awards
- See PFA and Application Guidelines for more detailed list

Eligibility and Budget

- Applications may be submitted by any organization that is part of a Phase II PCORnet Patient-Powered Research Network.

Available Funds & Project Duration

Project Budget: Up to \$4 million in total costs

Individual award: Total costs may not exceed \$350k.

Maximum Project Period: 2 years

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Application Process and Tips for Success



Applying For the PPRN Engagement Award



- Applying for a PPRN Limited Competition Engagement Award is a one-stage process.
- A full proposal is required at the time of submission and an LOI is not needed.
- Specific requirements and guidance to complete a successful application are found in the [full funding announcement](#), [application guidelines](#), and [application checklist](#).
- **Please pay very close attention to instructions as they include directions specific to this PFA and not included in the online system.

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Maximum Budget and Project Award Period

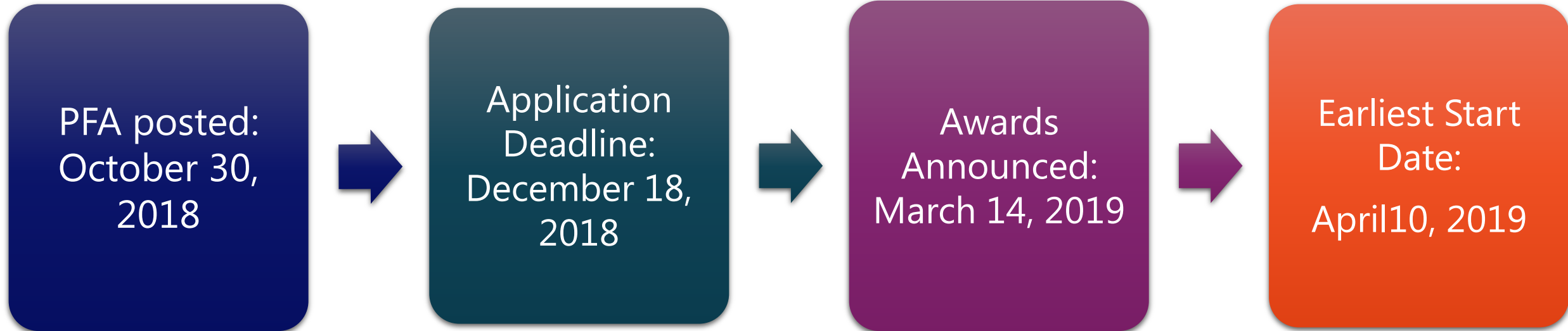
Award total costs must not exceed \$350,000, and the maximum project period is 24 months. ~~Personnel costs must not exceed 50 percent of the requested budget.~~

Applications will be considered nonresponsive for the PPRN Engagement Award if they propose the following:

- Research studies including randomized controlled trials, observational studies and pragmatic clinical studies
- Projects solely intended to increase patient engagement in health care or healthcare systems rather than healthcare research
- Projects to design or test healthcare interventions
- Activities that involve the use of a drug or medical device
- Development of clinical practice guidelines or care protocols
- Projects that involve patients only as subjects (i.e., individuals enrolled into a study as participants)
- Projects designed solely to validate tools or instruments
- Projects focused solely on writing research proposals or completing grant applications
- Projects focused on social determinants of health, with no focus on patient-centered outcomes research or comparative clinical effectiveness research

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PPRN Engagement Award Timeline



- Proposals should be submitted by the application deadline
- Applications are reviewed by PCORI's Research Infrastructure and Engagement Department, Contracts Management, and other PCORI internal staff, as needed.

Criteria Used to Review Applications

- **Program Fit**
 - Does the application demonstrate program fit or an innovative idea that supports PCORI's mission?
- **Project Plan and Timeline**
 - Do the project plan and timeline seem reasonable?
- **Qualifications of Project Lead**
 - Do the qualifications of the project lead align with the scope of the project?
- **Personnel and Collaborators**
 - Is there adequate engagement of patients and other stakeholders? Are collaborations meaningful and appropriate based on interest, expertise and scope of the project?
- **Past Performance**
 - Does the project team demonstrate sufficient past performance?
- **Budget/Cost Proposal**
 - Does the budget demonstrate reasonable cost designations?



Where to Apply

Apply at <https://www.pcori.org/sites/default/files/Engagement-Award-PPRN-Limited-Competition>

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATION:
Dec 18th 2018 by 5:00pm (ET)

Tips for Successful Submissions

- Attend Town Halls
- Review Available Resources Carefully
 - Program Guidelines
 - Program summary, award types and list of what we don't fund
 - Application Guidelines Programmatic overview and application requirements
 - Details on how to submit an application
 - Application checklist
 - Includes a glossary of key terms
 - Allowable and unallowable costs
 - Online User Manual
 - Step-by-step guide to walk through the online application portal
- Use Application Checklist
 - Ensure you've included all required and optional components before hitting submit

Application Submission System Webinar

- PCORI is offering a system-based webinar for PPRN applicants submitting an application through PCORI Online.
- This webinar will cover the following processes:
 - Navigate PCORI Online
 - Update and Submit the Application for AO Approval
 - Approve the Application and Submit to PCORI for Review

Thursday, November 15, 2018-01:00pm to 02:00pm ET

Register at: <https://www.pcori.org/events/2018/pcori-online-pprn-limited-competition-application-submission-webinar>

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Contractual/Financial FAQs

Engagement Pre-Award Process: Budget Review



- **Funding Mechanism**
 - PCORI Engagement Awards are issued as **firm-fixed-price** “service-based” or “mission-based” contracts.
- **Allowable and Unallowable Costs**
 - **Direct Costs: Are they also reasonable?**
 - **Indirect Costs:** Institutions may assess indirect costs not to exceed 40 percent. Federally negotiated or independently audited rate letters must be included with the application.
- **Detailed Budget and Justification**
 - Salary and Fringe Benefits – salary cap, effort, institution’s fringe policy
 - Breakdown for # of days, traveling to/from, airfare, per diem, how much per meal
 - Consultants – rates, how rate was derived, # of hours

Allowable vs. Unallowable Costs



Questions??

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