



**Tennessee Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)
Research Committee**

Research Goals and Guidelines

Goals:

1. Encourage and support novel and innovative research relevant to physical therapy conducted by TPTA members.
2. Provide monetary stipends to assist researchers in either of two ways:
 - a. Seed Money Grants – to encourage participation in research
 - b. Dissemination Grants – to promote dissemination of research findings in a peer reviewed format (State, National, or International presentations or journal article).
3. Serve as a resource to current and prospective researchers.
 - a. Research committee serves as a resource for recommendations associated with research projects.
 - b. Research committee encourages collaboration or multi-site projects.

Guidelines for Distribution of TPTA Research Committee funds:

1. Grant Categories
 - a. Seed Money Grants
 - i. Description
 1. Small clinical research grants not to exceed \$1,000 each
 2. Maximum of 2 grants awarded each year
 - ii. Eligibility requirements
 1. TPTA member
 2. Preferential consideration for new investigators
 - iii. Purpose
 1. Assist with research investigating clinical questions relevant to physical therapy
 - iv. Requirements
 1. Submission of required application components (see TPTA Research Grant Application Form) to TPTA Research Committee Chair
 2. Evidence of appropriate Institutional Review Board approval for proposed project
 3. Completion of project within 12 months of receiving funding
 4. Submission of an executive summary of the findings to the Chair of the TPTA Research Committee at the conclusion of the study



- b. Dissemination Grants
 - i. Description
 - 1. Small dissemination grants not to exceed \$1,000 each
 - 2. Maximum of 2 grants awarded each year
 - ii. Eligibility requirements
 - 1. TPTA member
 - iii. Purpose
 - 1. Facilitate dissemination of the results of completed research projects
 - iv. Requirements
 - 1. Submission of required application components (see TPTA Research Grant Application Form) to TPTA Research Committee Chair
 - 2. Evidence of project acceptance to a peer reviewed venue (one of the following)
 - a. Presentation at a professional meeting (State, National, International)
 - b. Publication in a peer reviewed journal
- 2. Investigator/Researcher Categories – eligibility criteria
 - a. **Student Investigator/Researcher:**
 - i. TPTA member
 - ii. Actively enrolled in an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant education program in Tennessee
 - iii. Categories of funding available
 - 1. Seed Money Grants
 - 2. Dissemination Grants
 - b. **New Investigator/Researcher**
 - i. TPTA member
 - ii. Physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
 - iii. Has not participated in more than three (3) peer reviewed venues (any combination of presentations or publications)
 - iv. Categories of funding available
 - 1. Seed Money Grants
 - 2. Dissemination Grants
 - c. **Experienced Investigator/Researcher**
 - i. TPTA member
 - ii. Physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
 - iii. Categories of funding available
 - 1. Seed Money Grants
 - 2. Dissemination Grants
- 3. Application Requirements
 - a. Seed Money Grants



- i. Letter of Application (include brief rationale for requested funds)
 - ii. Completed Research Grant Application Form
 - iii. Abstract of proposed research (\leq 500 words)
 - iv. Evidence of appropriate Institutional Review Board approval
 - v. Proposed budget
 - vi. Dissemination plans
 - b. Dissemination Grants
 - i. Letter of Application (include brief rationale for requested funds)
 - ii. Completed Research Grant Application Form
 - iii. Abstract of research (\leq 500 words)
 - iv. Current budget
 - v. Evidence of project acceptance to a peer reviewed venue (one of the following)
 1. Presentation at a professional meeting (State, National, International)
 2. Publication in a peer reviewed journal
 - vi. Request for funding must occur within 12 months following acceptance of project to a peer reviewed venue
 - c. Abstract Specifics [exclude author(s)]
 - i. \leq 500 words (excludes title and keywords)
 - ii. Title
 - iii. Purpose
 - iv. Subjects
 - v. Methods
 - vi. Results
 - vii. Conclusions
4. Review of Applications
 - a. Application Deadlines
 - i. February 1 – award(s) announced at Spring meeting
 - ii. August 1 – award(s) announced at Fall meeting
 - b. Applications will be reviewed by all TPTA Research Committee members
 - i. Exceptions
 1. Conflict of Interest – committee members will not be allowed to review applications submitted by current students or faculty affiliated with their institution
 - c. Decisions
 - i. Award decisions are based on need and merit of project
 - ii. Applicants will receive notification in writing (letter or e-mail) of the funding decision
 - iii. All funding decisions are final
 - d. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to resubmit an application at the next application deadline



Call for Research Proposals:

The Tennessee Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) is soliciting applications for research grants to assist TPTA members with the cost of conducting research. Two research grants are available.

1. Seed Money Grants – designed to assist with initiating new research
2. Dissemination Grants – designed to assist with dissemination of information gathered from a completed project

All TPTA members are eligible and encouraged to apply for either grant; however, preferential consideration will be given to students and new investigators/researchers. TPTA supports and encourages new research initiatives related to physical therapy.

Applicants please review the **Guidelines for Distribution of TPTA Research Committee Funds** and complete the **TPTA Research Grant Application Form**. Application deadlines are February 1 for the Spring meeting and August 1 for the Fall meeting. Completed applications should be submitted electronically to the TPTA Research Committee Chair, Pamela D. Ritzline, PT, EdD at pritzlin@utmem.edu. Applicants will receive electronic confirmation of receipt of materials. Incomplete applications will be returned without review. All applicants will receive written notification of funding decisions. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the TPTA Research Committee and all decisions are final. Awards will be announced at the subsequent TPTA State meeting.