

Ohio Physical Therapy Association Research Fund
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**OPTA Research Committee
Grant Application Review Form**

Title of Study/Project: _____

Principal Investigator Name: _____

Requested amount:\$ _____

Signature of Reviewer: _____

____ Yes ____ No* Does the study/project relate to physical therapy?
If "No", the application is automatically rejected.

____ Yes ____ No* Is the principal investigator qualified to conduct this activity?

____ Yes ____ No* Is there sufficient need for this activity based on lack of previous research
or significant potential for application to the physical therapy profession?

* If "No", give reason:

____ Yes ____ No° IRB or IACUC approval has been obtained

____ Yes ____ No° IRB approved Consent Form is provided

° If "No" and the proposal is chosen as a grant recipient, the principal investigator must provide proof of IRB (& Consent Document) or IACUC approval prior to receiving funds.

Review Form must be returned to Research Committee by: [Date determined each year]

Please use the following rating scale when assigning a score to each item on the next page.

0 = Missing information

1 = Marginal: Has strengths but multiple weaknesses or a single major weakness.

2 = Good: Strong with only minor weakness/s.

3 = Exceptional: Exceptionally strong with essentially no weakness

A score of 1 indicates work with substantive weaknesses. A score of 2 indicates average work and a score of 3 represents truly outstanding work.

Form #3

Reviewer Ratings

1. Purpose of the study:

- _____ 0-3 Clearly stated.
- _____ 0-3 Achievable
- _____ 0-3 Contributes relevant scientific knowledge to physical therapy clinical practice, education, or administration.
- _____ 0-3 Overall impact of the research on the field of physical therapy
- _____ 0-3 Background information, including references supports study.

2. Method:

- _____ 0-3 Investigative method (Qualitative, Quantitative or Mixed) will answer the problem posed.
- _____ 0-3 Investigative method and study design is justified and reasonable.
- _____ 0-3 Sample size is appropriate.
- _____ 0-3 Sample selection is relevant (inclusion/exclusion criteria) and achievable.
- _____ 0-3 Study includes explanation of relevant factors: recruitment strategy, attrition, etc.
- _____ 0-3 Instrumentation is valid and reliable.
- _____ 0-3 Procedures for data collection clearly identified.
- _____ 0-3 Procedures for data analysis clearly identified and described.
- _____ 0-3 Statistical procedures are appropriate based on described methods and design.
- _____ 0-3 Potential problems are addressed.

3. Budget:

- _____ 0-3 Budget is reasonable for the expected benefit of study
- _____ 0-3 Adequate budget justification is provided for each line item.
- _____ 0-3 Includes only necessary items related to purpose of study.
- _____ 0-3 Budget item costs represent true costs.
- _____ 0-3 Other sources of budgetary support are identified (e.g. in-kind contributions) and are appropriate in relation to total request.

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4. Grant Call Focused Proposal(optional):

_____ 0-1 Project that meets the focus of the grant call if a specific call has been made for the year.

5. Overall impression score 1-9 (see below for definitions): _____

Overall impression is scored on a 1-9 point scale, where 9 is the best and 1 is the worst. A score of 9 indicates an exceptionally strong application with essentially no weaknesses. A score of 1 indicates an application with serious and substantive weaknesses with very few strengths. A 5 is considered an average score. Ratings are in whole numbers only (no decimal ratings).

Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
9	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
8	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
7	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
6	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
4	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
3	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
2	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
1	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

Definitions

- Minor weakness: Easily addressable, does not lessen overall impact
- Moderate weakness: Lessens overall impact
- Major weakness: Severely limits impact

Composite score of sections 1-5 (55/70 is minimum for approval) _____

Comments: (These comments and all scores will be shared with the applicant).

Confidential comments to be shared only with Research Committee Members: (Comments below this line will not be shared with the applicant)
