



Request for Proposals Announcement for the Barbara and Peter T. Pruitt Jr. ITP Research Award provided by the Platelet Disorder Support Association for funding consideration for the research of Immune Thrombocytopenia

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The Platelet Disorder Support Association (PDSA), a patient advocacy non-profit organization for patients with Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), invites the research community to submit proposals for grants subject to the terms below. This request for proposals officially notifies of the availability of funds for research that furthers understanding of the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and management of primary ITP.

Eligibility and Funding for the Barabara and Peter T. Pruitt Jr. ITP Research Award

Up to two grants will be awarded annually to advanced practice providers in medicine or allied health. The maximum amount available for each grant is \$20,000 (USD), including institutional overhead and indirect costs of research. Funds can be used for a portion of the applicant's salary and supplies or for partial salary support of a research study coordinator; if the funds are all used for salary, then an outside source to fund the remainder of the study must be demonstrated. Funds cannot be used for equipment without prior approval in writing. Funding is for a maximum period of 12 months. Funding for a second year is contingent on exceptional progress and renewal applications will be assessed along with new applications.

Research applications from outside the US are welcomed. There is no restriction on additional sources of support for the position and project, i.e., partial funding from a for-profit institution or another not-for-profit source, e.g., American Heart Association is acceptable. If the projected budget for research exceeds \$20,000, additional funding sources must be disclosed with application. Research involving vertebrate animals is acceptable if approved by the relevant institutional committee on animal welfare.

Submission Instructions

Completed proposals must be received by May 1, 2025, at midnight EST to PDSA's Director of Research and Canadian Advocacy, Jennifer DiRaimo, at jdiraimo@pdsa.org, and must be written for a general audience. Proposal must be submitted as PDF files using the provided abstract template found on the PDSA website at <https://www.pdsa.org/healthcare-professionals-researchers/research.html> .

Award Decision

Final approvals and denials for those who submit complete proposals will be communicated via email no later than August 29, 2025. Grants will be awarded based on selection by a review panel comprised of PDSA medical advisors and ITP patients and caregivers selected by PDSA. Proposals will be evaluated on a point scale established by PDSA's Director of Research and Canadian Advocacy, Jennifer DiRaimo, and will be based on importance, relevance, investigation plan, and interest to the ITP patient community.

Additional information

Written approval by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for research involving human subjects and written approval for research involving vertebrate animals must be submitted to the Board before funding can begin. A written Progress Report of no more than two pages must be received by PDSA's research team within six months of the date of funding. A Final Report on the work accomplished, including a summary report on ALL expenditures made, must be submitted by September 1, 2026. Applicant agrees to cite support from PDSA in all written and oral communications pertaining to the funded research, and to submit a research summary written in lay language to PDSA to include in their quarterly newsletter disseminated to its members. Direct any questions about this Request for Proposals to PDSA's Director of Research and Canadian Advocacy, Jennifer DiRaimo, jdiraimo@pdsa.org.

Once funding has been given, the project and all its obligations must be completed fully. No-cost extensions for up to one year are allowed, however please note that you will not be considered for a second year of funding if appropriate if your research team already has a no-cost extension. If you are unable to complete your project, regardless of a no cost extension, you will be required to pay back in full the amount awarded.