

## **IOPTP FUNDING OF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The Vision of the IOPTP is to empower physical therapists with an interest in paediatrics to provide effective PT services for children throughout the world. Additionally, the IOPTP is dedicated to the goal of improving the quality and delivery of services to children and their families. One of the ways that the IOPTP accomplishes this goal is by providing support to physical therapists during their development of research careers pursuing scientifically based and clinically relevant research that investigates what is necessary in the content and delivery of care to increase the clinical effectiveness and functional outcomes of physical therapist practice in paediatrics.

As an organization of physical therapists in paediatrics, the IOPTP supports only those intervention studies in which the interventions are directed by physical therapists although other individuals may participate in some aspects of the interventions.

The total amount of funding may vary from year to year (depending on available resources). Guidelines for distribution of funds and criteria for selecting recipients are established by IOPTP Executive Committee and implemented by the Committee on Research (COR) of the IOPTP ( or a Scientific Review Committee(SRC) appointed by the IOPTP Executive Committee). The COR or the SRC will review applications and make recommendations to the IOPTP Executive Committee.

### ***OBJECTIVE***

The intent of the IOPTP is to fund the most relevant projects taking into account the qualifications of the applicants to ensure that the paediatric physical therapy profession benefits from the commitment, scholarship, and academic or clinical practice of these individuals.

### ***PRIORITIES***

Priority will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Have demonstrated potential for a career as an academic researcher and/or educator in an accredited physical therapy education program, or a leader in clinical practice.
- Preference will be given to those whose research is directly related to the Strategic Plan of the IOPTP.

## ***IOPTP ELIGIBILITY***

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- Be a member of an IOPTP member organization
- Have met requirements for physical therapy practice in their IOPTP member country
  - Must demonstrate commitment to further the physical therapy profession through research , teaching, or practice

## ***RESEARCH INTEGRITY***

The IOPTP expects that the highest ethical standards and compliance with public laws and regulations will be adhered to by all recipients when undertaking any type of research supported by IOPTP funds. It is expected that recipients will:

- Be intellectually honest in proposing, performing, and reporting research ***L*** ***SEP***
- Be accurate in representing contribution in research proposals and reports ***L*** ***SEP***
- Be fair in peer reviews ***L*** ***SEP***
- Be collegial in scientific interactions, including communications and sharing of resources ***L*** ***SEP***
- Be transparent in conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest ***L*** ***SEP***
- Ensure the protection of human subjects in the conduct of research in accordance with the World Health Organization - Ethical Standards and Procedures for Research with Human Beings. Available at [www.who.int/ethics/research/en/](http://www.who.int/ethics/research/en/). ***L*** ***SEP***
- Adhere to the mutual responsibilities between investigators and their research teams. ***L*** ***SEP***

## ***CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF IOPTP APPLICATION***

Recommendation for funding will be based on the comprehensiveness of the application and the qualifications of the applicant with regard to potential for research, teaching, or practice in physical therapy. Selection will be based on the following criteria.

### ***Applicant***

Is the applicant's professional record of high quality? A summary of the applicant's professional background, future goals, publications and presentations will be considered. Does the applicant demonstrate a commitment to research, teaching or practice in the area of pediatrics in physical therapy? Are the research qualifications (including successful completion of funded research) and track record appropriate for the area of pediatrics? Are the research interests of the applicant and the IOPTP compatible?

### ***Objectives and Plan of Study***

Does the applicant outline appropriate objectives of the study? Does the proposed plan of study state how the applicant's objectives address the vision of the IOPTP? Does the applicant describe the potential significance and feasibility of the research plan?