

Request For Proposal (RFP) Application Template for Researchers Who Have Previously Received a PDSA Barbara and Peter T. Pruitt, Jr. ITP Research Award

Who Should Use This Application Template?

Researchers who have previously received a PDSA Barbara and Peter T. Pruitt, Jr. ITP research grant and wish to apply for additional funding; either for a new project, or a continuation of the initial project for which funding was awarded.

What Is Required In Addition To This Template For Previous Award Recipients?

In addition to this application, previous award recipients must also submit:

- the **PDSA Budget Template (2025)** including information about other potential funding sources if applicable, and
- a copy of the **Principal Investigator's CV**.

The templates for application can be accessed at www.pdsa.org/research. *Changes to the templates are not permitted.*

New Guidelines for Those Applying for a Second Year of Funding:

The following are new guidelines that must be met before a second year of funding can be considered for any new or continuing study:

- Applicants may not apply for consecutive years of funding and must wait at least one year after receiving an initial award.
- Applicants who have a current (or have ever requested) a no-cost extension from PDSA will not be considered.
- The objectives of the new or continuing project cannot be the same as what was stated within the first RFP awarded to you from PDSA.
- Those applying for a second year of funding must detail how their current project differs from that which was previously funded..

Please submit completed proposal applications to PDSA's Director of Research and Canadian Advocacy, Jennifer DiRaimo, jdiraimo@pdsa.org, with "[YOUR INSTITUTION NAME] RFP 2025" as the subject line.

Deadline to apply: To be considered for a Barbara and Peter T. Pruitt, Jr. ITP Research Award, **applications must be received by May 1, 2025 at midnight EST.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Priority will be given to new projects and new researchers each year, to fund patient-centered research with the potential to improve outcomes for patients and families living with ITP. Additional funding will be considered for previous applicants whose projects are exceptional and meet the goals of PDSA's research program.

Award notifications will be communicated via email no later than August 29, 2025.

Recipients of the Barbara and Peter T. Pruitt, Jr. ITP Research Award will receive funding once all necessary documents (IRB approval, consent forms, signed agreement with PDSA) have been submitted. A written Progress Report of no more than two pages must be received by the 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, written in patient friendly lay-language must be submitted by September 1, 2026.

PDSA Proposal Template 2025

This template must be completed in full and written for a general audience. The proposal should be written in patient-friendly language because it will be judged in part by a select panel of ITP patients with limited scientific background. Please avoid using medical jargon and overly scientific descriptions. Explain fully your project in a way anyone would understand what you are seeking to do. Failure to write to a general audience could mean your proposal will not be considered for funding. Proposals must include:

I. Project Title

Please provide a concise and descriptive title for your investigation.

II. Summary Of Proposed Research And How It Is Different From Your Previous Funded Project

Research must be focused on primary ITP. Clinically oriented, observational, and laboratory hypothesis-based research proposals related to ITP are encouraged. Proposals should include a clear description of a hypothesis-driven investigation that addresses an area of need in the understanding of, or treatment for primary ITP.

Please provide a statement of the problem and its relevance to ITP, hypothesis and specific aims, and novelty and significance of proposed research. You must also include how this current project is different from the previously funded project and what direction this second year of funding would take the project in as much detail as possible (Not to exceed 1,000 words).

III. Why do you feel your study should be considered for an additional year of funding?

Please limit your response to under 300 words.

IV. Methods of Procedure and Intended Statistical Analysis

Please provide the proposed methodology for the project, including intended statistical analysis. If possible, involve ITP patients in the development and/or execution of your project to ensure that your research is patient-centered.

V. Timeline

Please provide a projected timeline for your investigation. (Not to exceed 150 words).

VI. Statement of Financial Disclosures

Please provide any conflicts of interest and other sources of industry funding on behalf of the Principal Investigator or research team.

VII. Principal Investigator's CV

Please include a copy of the Principal Investigator's CV with submission materials. An NIH biosketch will be accepted in place of a traditional CV as long as it outlines all relevant work.

PDSA Budget Template 2025

VIII. Justification of Budget

Please complete the provided budget template and include with submission materials.

Awarded research funds are to be used only to support patient-centered primary ITP research. The maximum amount available for each grant is \$20,000 (USD), including institutional overhead (which cannot exceed more than 10% of this grant; thus max. allowance for institutional overhead is \$2,000) 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 of 12 months. Funding for a second year is contingent on exceptional progress and renewal applications will be assessed along with new applications.

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.

The principal investigator and chief financial officer are required to sign the budget template prior to submission. If a CFO has given delegated authority to a designated member of their institution's financial team they may sign on behalf of the CFO in addition to the PI.

Checklist:

- PDSA Proposal Template (2025) – please submit document as a word file or PDF saving file name as “[YOUR INSTITUTION NAME] RFP 2025”. Ensure you include approval of other funding sources, *if applicable* and a copy of the principal investigator's CV.
- PDSA Budget Template (2025) – please submit file as an excel file or PDF saving file name as “[YOUR INSTITUTION NAME] BUDGET 2025”.