

**Request for Proposal Application Template
provided by the Platelet Disorder Support Association
for funding consideration for the research of Immune Thrombocytopenia**

To be considered for the 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. Applications must include the PDSA Proposal Template (2025) and the PDSA Budget Template (2025) in addition to providing approval of other funding sources if available, and a copy of the principle investigator's CV. The templates for the application can be accessed by visiting www.pdsa.org/research. *Changes to the templates are not permitted.* Projects must be completed within 1 year.

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.

Award announcements 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 Research Team within 6 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 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

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. (Not to exceed 500 words)

III. Preliminary Data and/or a Literature Review Summary

Please provide any preliminary findings from prior research on the topic, and/or a brief literature review summary. (Not to exceed 500 words).

IV. Methods of Procedure and Intended Statistical Analysis

Please provide proposed methodology for the project, including intended statistical analysis. Please note that successful research plans should include evidence of consultation with and/or future collaboration with patients with primary ITP.

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 PI 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, 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 principle 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 institutions 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. 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.