

PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY, INC
SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARD

Application Guidelines & General Information

Program: The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society, Inc. (PATS) has established a grant program to provide funding for research in athletic training/sports medicine. This grant will be known as the PATS Supported Research Program Award. Funding priority will be given to basic, applied, and service related research that incorporates an interdisciplinary approach between the athletic trainer and other health-care researchers. The purpose of the PATS supported grant program is to facilitate the advancement of the athletic training profession. Accordingly, grant proposals should focus on the domains of athletic training as identified in the current BOC Practice Analysis.

Grant: One or more PATS Supported Research Program Awards of up to \$5,000 will be awarded annually. 100% of the funds will be distributed at the time of the award announcement.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible to apply for a PATS Supported Research Program Award the applicant must be 1) the primary investigator (PI); 2) certified by the BOC and licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board; and 3) a member in good standing of PATS.

Application Procedure: Applications are submitted electronically via the PATS website (<https://www.gopats.org/research-award>). The PATS Research Award Committee must be able to evaluate a proposal based solely on the materials presented in the application. A completed application includes the following:

1. Background Information:

- PI name, BOC#, PA License #, NPI#, NATA Member #, Name and address of PI Institution, PI phone number, PI email, and cover letter with PI Signature.
- Research team members (name, credentials, title current institution)
- Project information including project title, list of any sponsors, institutional official information (department chair, dean, or designee other than applicant), and letter of support including signature from the institutional official.

2. Main Application

- Abstract (200 words maximum). Include a rationale, hypotheses, and specific aims of the proposal. Additionally, provide a concise description of the research design, methodology, statistical analysis, expected outcomes, and timeline.
- Upload one .doc or .PDF with the following sections:
 - Specific Aims (2 pages max) to include: a) relevant background information/supporting literature; b) the overall project purpose; c) the specific aim(s) including hypotheses, if applicable, d) the general approach to be taken to achieve the aim(s); e) the anticipated benefits of the research in the field of athletic training; and f) how the project aligns with the PATS Research Award objectives. A well-written specific aims page should provide an overview of the

entire project, and clearly establish an athletic training related problem, the gap in the knowledge needed to address the problem, and why the project will fill this critical gap. It should explain the overall significance of the project. Ideally, the aims should be related, but not dependent, upon each other. Hypotheses should be included whenever possible, though it is recognized that not all aims will require hypotheses. References to previous research are required to be cited in the specific aims page.

- o Study Protocol and Methodology (3 pages max). Provide a detailed description of the study protocol and methodology.
- o Anticipated timeline (detailed, 1 page max)
- o References
- Budget – use the itemized budget template and provide a written justification. Note: Prior to developing a budget please refer to the PATS Grant and Award Contract, Section 4 “Specific Conditions of Grant” for budget restrictions. (<https://www.gopats.org/research-award>).
- Biographical Sketch: use the template provided below for each member of the research team
- Appendices to include:
 - o IRB approval or IRB Proposal
 - o Other as applicable (i.e. data collection forms, survey instrumentation, interview questionnaire)

Evaluation Procedure: The PATS Research Award Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending funding of proposals to the PATS Executive Board. The Committee will review proposals that meet the application requirements for their completeness and determine if the application meets the above criteria. The general procedures for review include:

- 1) The Research Award Committee Chair will conduct a mechanical review.
- 2) Complete proposals will be reviewed by the committee.
- 3) The Research Award Committee may recommend full or partial funding of the proposal.
- 4) Upon approval from the PATS Executive Board, The Research Award Committee Chair will notify applicants of the status of their proposal.

Criteria: Preference will be given to basic, applied, and service related research that incorporates an interdisciplinary approach between the athletic trainer and other health-care researchers, and

that demonstrates: 1) the need for financial support; 2) quality submitted materials; and 3) appropriate qualifications of applicants.

Deadlines: The deadline for receipt of a proposal is April 1st of each calendar year.

Notification: The principal investigator(s) will be emailed indicating the outcome of the reviews prior to the PATS Annual Symposium (Late May/June).

Grant Requirements: Any individual or institution that receives grant funding will be required to complete one brief progress report and a final report. The progress report will be submitted no later than November 1st and the final report is due no later than April 1st in the year following the award. In addition, the awardee will be expected to present their findings at the PATS Annual Symposium. Awardees who do not follow the grant requirements will be unable to receive any further grant funding from the PATS Research Supported Program.

Biographical Sketch: use the following template for each member of the research team

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (DO NOT EXCEED TWO PAGES)

NAME	POSITION TITLE
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Role in Proposed Project	
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EDUCATION/TRAINING (<i>Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.</i>)			
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INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

PUBLICATIONS SUPPORTING PROPOSED WORK
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FUNDING HISTORY
