



**Leslie Harris Lindsey Grant for Research in the Hand and Upper Quadrant
Sponsored by the Hand Rehabilitation Section
American Physical Therapy Association**

GRANT DESCRIPTION

Purpose: The Hand Rehabilitation Section aims to support scientific inquiry by members of the APTA and by members of the Hand Rehabilitation Section by funding studies that advance knowledge relevant to hand and upper quarter practice issues. This grant addresses the need to fund clinical research studies in physical therapy to support evidenced-base practice. This grant is designed to assist members who need external funding to complete the project.

Types of Studies: To qualify for funding the study must be designed to examine the efficacy or effectiveness of a treatment approach or the meaningfulness of an examination procedure that could potentially be used or is currently used by physical therapists in hand and upper quarter rehabilitation. Quantitative and qualitative scientific projects are welcome.

Funding: This grant is designed to assist physical therapists who are ready to begin a project but need additional resources to purchase equipment or supplies, pay consultation fees, recruit or provide an honorarium to participants, or fund time of clinicians participating in the project. No indirect costs will be funded by this grant.

Recipient responsibilities:

- ✓ Present results through The Academy of Hand and Upper Extremity Physical Therapy at CSM within two years after receiving the funding either in poster or platform format.
- ✓ Submit a manuscript for publication in a peer-reviewed journal or the Hand Rehabilitation Section's publication, Hand Prints (encouraged but not required)
- ✓ Send a written progress report to the hand@apta.org within two years of the receipt of the funding.
- ✓ Return unused funds to The Academy of Hand and Upper Extremity Physical Therapy upon completion of the project.

Criteria for Funding:

- The principal investigator must be a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant and an APTA member. Preference will be given to members of The Academy of Hand and Upper Extremity Physical Therapy.



- The study must involve clinical research on a well-defined sample of subjects. Clinical studies are preferred, but studies involving typical developing or healthy participants may be acceptable if the relevance to clinical practice is very clear.
- Preference will be given to outcomes assessment.
- Letters of support should be included from all participating facilities. IRB approval is required prior to initiation of the study.
- Priority will be given to projects that are not currently receiving funding. *If receiving current funding, justification for potential overlap of funding needs to be provided.*
- The funding period will be one year. The onset date of the study should be between November and January of the funding cycle.
- Evidence of pilot work will strengthen the application.
- The principal investigator may reapply for additional funding if judged appropriate. Funding for extension of projects will only be given on a competitive basis with new applicants for the year that the extension is requested. Requests for an extension need to follow the same format as a new application. The applicants need to state in a cover letter that the request is to extend a study.

Determination of the Award: Deadline for submission of grant proposals is **August 15**. Each application should include two PDFs; one with a cover sheet including identifying information on the application (author names, place of research, etc) and one with all identifying information deleted (do not just change the font color). For the de-identified PDF the cover sheet should only include the title.

The Research Committee will review and evaluate each eligible application. All applicants will be notified of the results no later than **November 1** of the same year.

For additional information or to receive an application contact us at hand@apta.org.