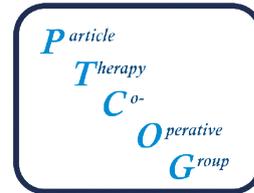


PTCOG Project Funding

2023



PTCOG is a Co-Operative organization dedicated to the field of particle therapy. This is a multi-disciplinary field involving a number of specialties. It is central to this field that work to facilitate research and development is encouraged. Beyond its primary role to bring together the practitioners and newcomers to the field in the context of scientific exchange, education and publication, PTCOG has gone a step further by beginning to provide some tangible funding to help expedite appropriate endeavors in the field. To that end, each year, PTCOG will accept proposals for Scientific Projects and Education and provide funding for a select few of these. The PTCOG budget is limited, but the organization will strive to make some funding available.

At this time PTCOG will start by considering funding in the following categories. All of these categories can be part of studies involving clinical, biology and physics or mixed disciplines. All proposals are required at least a few months before the next PTCOG annual conference (next conference is PTCOG 61 in Madrid, June 2023; **the deadline for submission of funding proposals is January 31, 2023**). The categories are:

1. Educational Outreach (partial funding) (one per year)
2. Individual exchange program visits to operating facilities (e.g. partial travel)
3. Travel fellowships to PTCOG sponsored/endorsed events
4. Partial support for specific activities related to a collaborative research program. This can have many forms and some examples of these can be:
 - Retrospective and prospective analyses (e.g. student funding or travel support)
 - Beam measurements (e.g. beam time and/or travel support)
 - Instrumentation testing collaborative support
 - Combined therapies, flash irradiation radiobiology, toxicity mechanisms: proof of concept
5. Support for data mining and/or categorization related to particle therapy publications

The process will be as follows:

- a) PTCOG "Project Funding" subcommittee will be formed in coming months.
- b) A PTCOG member should write a proposal (5 pages maximum) and submit it to the "Project Funding Subcommittee". (*For this year - please send it to the PTCOG Chairman who will give it to the subcommittee when it is finalized.*) The proposal must, at least, contain the following:
 - a. Proposal Topic (short abstract)
 - b. Explanation of why it is important for the field.
 - c. Estimation of timetable for key milestones
 - d. A detailed budget
 - e. Expected deliverables, such as publications and/or useful data for the community
- c) The "Project Funding" subcommittee will define a short list of the proposals with a summary of the strengths and weaknesses, and recommend project proposals to support.
- d) The Executive Committee will make a final decision.
- e) Funding will be announced at the next PTCOG 61 Annual conference in Madrid.
- f) Project funding will be dependent on the available allocated budget of PTCOG for that year.
- g) The Awardee will be required to provide a written status and present the results at the PTCOG Annual meeting.

On behalf of the PTCOG organization I encourage you to apply and look forward to meeting your work providing enhanced clarity for our field.

PTCOG Chair