

5 Key Things to Know About PCORI- Funded Research

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1. What Does PCORI Fund?

| Types of Awards

Comparative Clinical Effectiveness Research

- Fund studies comparing two or more treatments, services or health practices in real world populations and settings.

Dissemination & Implementation

- Fund projects to deliver CER evidence to those who can use it.

Engagement

- Fund projects to bring more patients, caregivers, clinicians and communities into the health research process.



PCORI's Research Funding Opportunities



Broad Pragmatic Studies	Topic-Focused	Phased Large Awards for Comparative Effectiveness Research (PLACER)	Science of Engagement	Methods
CER in any investigator-initiated topic area that informs healthcare decision-making and improves healthcare delivery and outcomes.	CER in a topic area identified by patients and other community stakeholders as having evidence gaps and need for patient-centered CER	Large, meritorious randomized clinical trials with some risks that require a phased approach to maximize study success	Development and validation of measures; development and testing of engagement techniques	Improve use of AI and ML, improve study design, support data research networks, ethical and human subject protections in CER
Up to \$12M	Variable	Up to \$22M	Up to \$1.5M	Up to \$750K

2025 Funding Cycle Letter of Intent Deadlines

Cycle 1: Jan. 14 | Cycle 2: May 13 | Cycle 3: Sept. 23

*All funds and timeline noted above are subject to change

2. What is Patient-Centered CER?

Foundational Expectations for Partnership in Research



Representative
Involvement



Early & Ongoing
Engagement



Dedicated Funds for
Engagement &
Partner Compensation



Build Capacity To
Work as a Team



Meaningful Inclusion of
Partners in
Decision Making



Ongoing Review &
Assessment of
Engagement

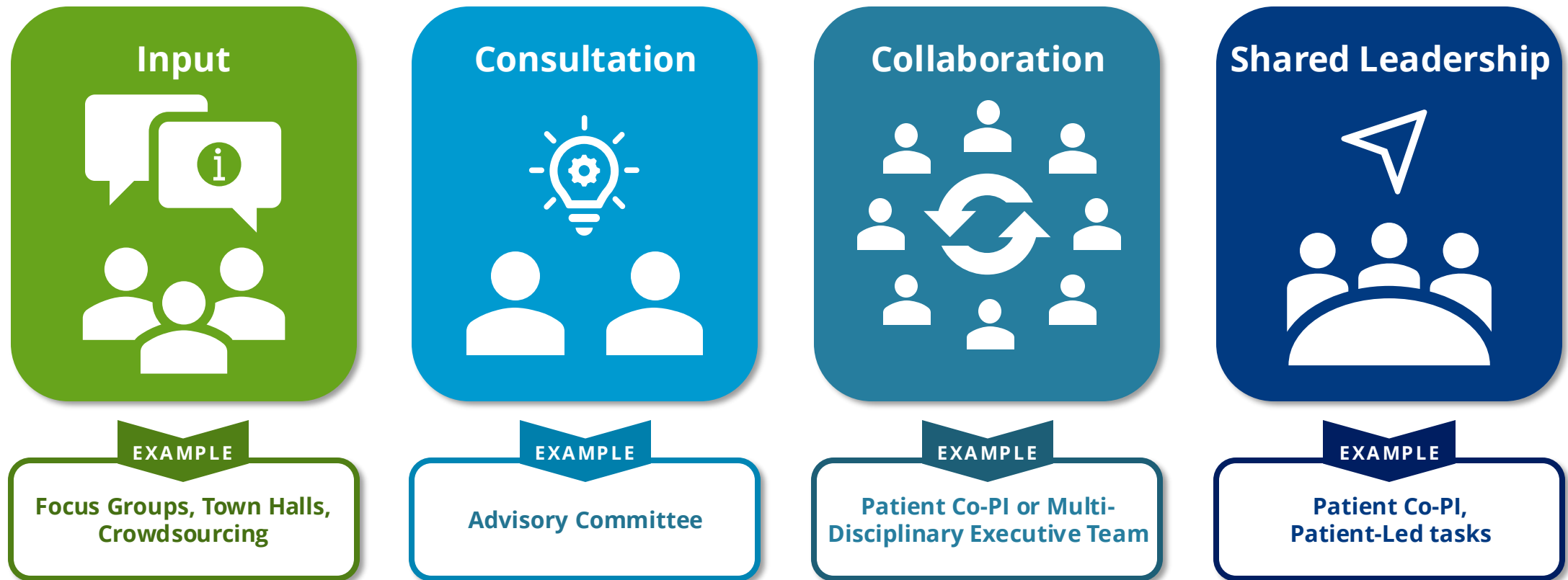
**Building Effective
Multi-Stakeholder
Research Teams**



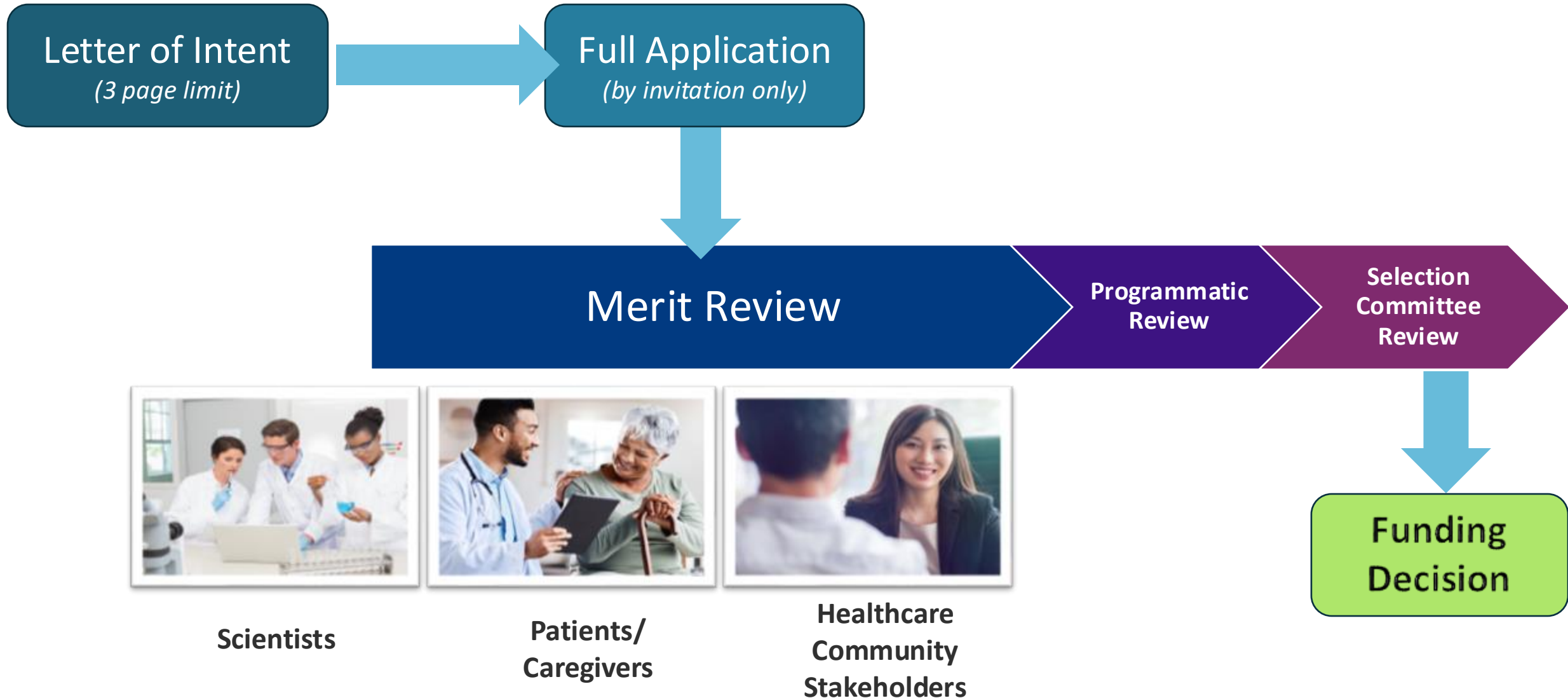
More information: <https://www.pcori.org/Foundational-Expectations>

Meaningful Engagement in Research

Levels of Partners' Decision-Making Authority for Study Design & Implementation



3. Are PCORI Applications Reviewed (Differently)?



4. What Research Is Considered Responsive?

Informs health decision-making

Population

Patients for whom health condition has high prevalence, incidence, burden, or variations in care and/or critical evidence gaps exists

Intervention/ Comparators

Comparators have established efficacy or widespread use – uncertain which to choose and for whom?

Outcomes

Patient-centered, validated, health-related outcomes

Setting

Real-world settings and health care practices

Design

- Adheres to PCORI Methodology Standards
- Potential results are generalizable and ready to implement
- Powered heterogeneity of treatment effectiveness studied where needed



5. What Does PCORI Not Fund?

- Development of instruments, such as new surveys or scales
- Development, testing and validation of new decision aids or clinical prognostication tools
- Pilot studies intended to inform larger efforts
- Comparison of patient characteristics rather than clinical strategy options
- Studies where the intervention arm is **limited solely** to the addition of a community health worker/patient navigator
- Studies designed to test the efficacy of unproven interventions/care strategies
- Studies whose principal focus is on quality improvement
- Studies describing epidemiology or natural history
- Aims studying pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, or biologic mechanisms
- Studies that propose to compare new health policies or payment recommendations



More information

- Resources at <https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities>
 - Funding announcements
 - Submission instructions
 - Due dates
 - FAQs
 - Other applicant and awardee resources
- If you have a question about a potential project, reach out to sciencequestions@pcori.org