

Applying for a PCFA 2019 Priority Impact Research Award (PIRA)

Events and Timeline

2019 research awards

Following consultation with consumers, clinicians, researchers and other stakeholders, PCFA's National Board adopted a new Research Strategy in November 2018. The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) met in 2019 to decide the focus of the first call for PIA research applications.



Preparing for the call for applications

In consultation with the RAC, PCFA's research office drafts and prepares final versions of a guide to applicants, a grant application form, a progress report form and a list of Frequently Asked Questions.



PCFA's National Board approves the call for applications at its February meeting

This call includes the priority area(s) and proposed date for opening of the research funding round.



PCFA communicates its new Research Strategy to researchers

The new Research Strategy will be emailed to researchers and research offices on PCFA's database on [February 25](#). It will include an invitation to join an information teleconference on [March 1](#), in which the RAC chairman and Research office staff will be available to answer questions.



Opening of the 2019 funding round [March 8](#)

An announcement is made to the public and researchers through a press release, updated information and documentation on PCFA's website and an e-mail to all institutional research offices and researchers on PCFA's database. PCFA will hold two information teleconferences for applicants on [March 14](#) and be available at other times by phone and email to help applicants submit proposals.



Applicants submit proposals: Deadline [April 29](#)



Peer Review process

PCFA asks 2-3 independent reviewers to assess each application against specified criteria. Reviews are collated and applications are ranked based on the assessors' reviews. RAC reviews highly ranked applications and recommends to PCFA's National Board applications that merit funding.



Final funding decisions are made by PCFA's National Board in [August](#)



Public announcement of the outcome of the funding round

Applicants are notified by email as to the outcome of their proposal. Awards are announced on PCFA's website.



Work on newly funded awards begins on or after [October 1 2019](#)