



PKD Foundation Research Grants

Review Guidance for Applicants

Thank you for applying for a PKD Foundation Research Grant. Please see below for details on our review process to help you plan your application.

The PKD Foundation utilizes a Review Committee consisting of members of the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee, ad hoc scientific reviewers and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

PKDF is committed to a patient-centric approach to our mission by incorporating the views of persons affected by PKD into the PKDF grant review process. Stakeholders will read and evaluate research study applications for relevance to the PKD community's needs and concerns and actively participate in peer review panel discussions. The Stakeholder Advisory committee is comprised of PKD patients or caregivers who have been selected by the Foundation. They are asked to focus specifically on relevance, impact/significance and innovation on each of the applications, and their votes are weighted equally to those of the scientific reviewers.

The Review Committee utilizes the [NIH scoring system](#) to create reliable and consistent scoring across grants. Reviewers score your application by utilizing the [PKDF Evaluating Overall Impact chart](#), as well as utilizing the below guidance.

- 1. Relevance to PKD:** Clearly state how this proposal addresses an unmet need in PKD research and your vision for how your results may benefit the patient community.
- 2. Impact/Significance:** Describe the potential short- and long-term impact of the research proposed when put in context of the current state of the science and standards of clinical care.
- 3. Innovation:** Explain how your research will foster the development of innovative approaches or techniques that may transform patient care or understanding of PKD.

The following sections are for scientific reviewers only, although stakeholder reviewers are welcome to provide feedback to applicants on these sections if they wish.

- 4. Scientific approach:** Describe the conceptual basis on which your proposal rests including concept, strategy and implications.
- 5. Scientific environment:** Provide a description of your institutional environment including facilities, patient population or disease model, data management and data analysis.
- 6. Investigator(s):** Reviewers will score each application based on the strength of the investigator's experience, background, qualifications and other key personnel.
- 7. Budget or eligibility concerns:** Ensure that your budget is adequate to meet the goals of the proposal as well as meets the criteria of the PKD Foundation.