

## **A. Invitation to submit research projects for ISPD support**

The ISPD invites submission of research proposals for independent peer review with a view to endorsement. These proposals should fulfill the first criterion and at least 1 of the 2nd and 3rd criteria:

1. The study should require international collaboration in its planning or execution. International collaboration can be characterized by the participation of scientists, based in different countries, in any step of the process: study design, data analysis, inclusion of patients or biological samples, and/or critical review and writing of the manuscript.
2. The study should be of importance to the international peritoneal dialysis community.
3. The study should clearly help the career development of an emerging researcher/PD leader in a low or middle income country where PD usage is limited.

It is envisaged that once a research study is supported or endorsed by the ISPD, via its independent peer review process, this will:

1. Improve the chances for researchers to obtain additional funding from grant agencies and/or industry.
2. Facilitate the process of obtaining ethical approval, especially at multi-center national level.
3. When appropriate and with the discretion of the Council, the ISPD will decide on funding to support the study proposal (typically between five and ten thousand dollars) depending on available resources. If the study needs additional resources, it is expected that applicants have already secured these funds from appropriate sources. If the funding of the project is still under negotiation, then the supporting funding from ISPD will be conditional on a successful outcome of these other fund requests.
4. Any project that received ISPD funding is required to formally recognize the support of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) on all related scientific publications, articles, and communications. This acknowledgment should specifically include the statement, "This article/publication/abstract/communication represents independent research funded by the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD). The opinions and conclusions herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the ISPD."

## B. Procedure

We strongly encourage applicants to discuss the proposal informally with the chairpersons of the ISPD Research Committee, Thyago de Moraes, Mark Lambie and Yeoung Jee Cho, by emailing [admin@ispd.org](mailto:admin@ispd.org) at least two weeks before making the final submission. This is an important step to make sure your application fulfills all the required criteria of the call.

Full applications should be submitted to the same email address: [admin@ispd.org](mailto:admin@ispd.org) by February 15th, 2024.

Applicants should submit a brief document (Maximum 4 A4 pages with single spacing) which should include the following sections:

- a) **Title of the project**
- b) Presentation of the **team behind the project**
- c) A clear **statement of the research question**;
- d) Robust **explanation of why the study is important for the International PD community**;
- e) Clear **Methodological Design**, including evidence that the study is logistically practicable and how the expertise within the study team supports this;
- f) An explanation as to why the study needs a **multi-national dimension**;
- g) A **publication strategy for the outcomes** of the research;
- h) A **plan for gaining full funding**; and,
- i) A detailed explanation of **how ISPD funding would be utilized** to facilitate the study.
- j) An explanation of **how this project can support the career development of a future PD leader/researcher** in a low/middle income country where PD usage is currently limited.