

Checklist: Developing Your Patient-Oriented Proposal

This tool guides you through the steps and select resources available to get your proposal started.

- Develop your [research question](#).**
 - The Grant Assist Program-Health Sciences (GAP-HS) offers [Concept Discussions](#) to help formulate ideas prior to grant writing.
 - The [AbSPORU Consultation and Research Services Platform](#) can support building and fine-tuning the research question.

- Build your [research team](#).**
 - Contact the Director of Clinical Research ([Office of Research](#)) and/or your home research institute (e.g., ADI, CRINA, WCHRI) to help connect with researchers you might not know in your field.
 - Consider incorporating researchers from other disciplines, faculties and institutions.
 - The inclusion of patient partners on your research team is encouraged (see [stakeholder engagement section](#)).

- Incorporate [stakeholder engagement](#).**
 - Consider including members from Alberta Health Services [Strategic Clinical Networks \(SCNs\)](#) to strengthen your stakeholder engagement and knowledge translation plan.
 - Consider including patient partners in your research team. Contact the [AbSPORU Patient Engagement Platform](#).
 - The [AbSPORU Knowledge Translation \(KT\)*](#) and [Patient Engagement \(PE\)](#) platforms can support with stakeholder engagement.

- Develop [methodology](#).**
 - A variety of supports are available for methodological support, such as the [AbSPORU Methods Support & Development Platform](#).
 - For qualitative research, consider consulting with the [International Institute for Qualitative Methods \(IIQM\)](#) for resources and training opportunities.
 - For quantitative research, consider the analyses of secondary use data to support your research proposal. Consult with the [ABSPORU Data Platform](#).

- Leverage [grant peer review](#).**
 - Contact the [GAP-HS](#) to access internal peer review services. Register for peer review ~3 months prior to the application deadline.

- Employ [editing support](#).**
 - Proposal editing services are available through the GAP-HS, and financial support of editing costs are available from the [NACTRC Grant Development Support Fund](#).

Additional Resources

- [University Institutes](#)
- [FoMD Resources for Clinical Researchers](#)
- [NACTRC Research Services](#)
- [AB Clinical Research Roadmap](#)
- [Research Facilitators at RSO \(Research Services Office\)](#)

*A knowledge translation plan is an **essential component** to any research proposal. Refer to the [CIHR Guide to KT Planning](#).