

Missouri Physical Therapy Association Doctoral Scholarship Program

Purpose The purpose of the Missouri Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) Doctoral Scholarship Program is to assist physical therapists with outstanding potential for doctoral studies. The individual must have completed the equivalence of one year of study towards their doctoral degree. The intent of the MPTA is to fund the most highly qualified applicants and to ensure that the profession of physical therapy in the state of Missouri benefits from the commitment, clinical practice, research and/or teaching of these individuals.

Priority Priority will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria;

- Individuals must be members of MPTA for at least two years.
- Doctoral students who show promise of completion of degree requirements in a timely fashion.
- Individuals who demonstrate a potential for a career in the state of Missouri either as a clinician or an academician.
- Individuals who demonstrate a commitment to the profession through serving the APTA or Missouri Chapter.
- Individuals who demonstrate leadership skills.

Scholarship Amount

The amount of funding and the number of awards may vary from year to year depending on available resources. All money awarded is considered as taxable income. Awards of up to \$2,000 will be given to students after completing the equivalence of one year of study. (Credit hours determined by individual programs). Individuals may receive no more than two awards.

Scholarship Period

The scholarship year is August 1 through July 31. Scheduled payment of scholarships is September 30.

Use of Funds

Funds may be requested to meet any type of tuition expense or academic fees reasonably and logically associated with the doctoral program. All funds are paid directly to the scholarship recipient and are considered taxable income.

Deadlines & Notification

Applications are reviewed once each year. Applicants must use the current year's application. An original application must be submitted by May 31. Scholarships will be announced by first class mail no later than September 1.

Eligibility

- At the time of application, the candidate must possess a license to practice physical therapy in the state of Missouri.
- At the time of application, the applicant must be formally accepted as a student in a regionally accredited post professional doctoral program whose content has a demonstrated relationship to physical therapy or physical therapy education, excluding entry-level and transitional DPT.
- The applicant must have completed 12 credit hours toward a doctorate.
- The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to further the physical therapy profession through clinical practice, education and or research in the state of Missouri.

Terms and Conditions of Scholarship

- Failure of the scholarship recipient to comply with the policies governing this scholarship may be grounds for denial of any future consideration by the MPTA.
- Recipients of the MPTA scholarship shall agree to maintain student status during the year(s) in which the scholarship proceeds will be used and to participate in any evaluation and/or outcome studies related to the scholarship program.
- The scholarship recipient is expected to submit a final report to the MPTA by May 31.
- The final report must be filed separately from any application for continued funds. The final report should include a summary description of the overall program and work completed.

Criteria for Evaluation of Application

Recommendation for funding will be based on the comprehensiveness of the application and the educational qualifications of the applicant with regard to potential for clinical practice, research or teaching in the state of Missouri. Selection will be based on the following criteria.

- **Career Goals (Long-term Objectives)**
A summary statement of the applicant's professional background and future goals will provide evidence of ability and intent to contribute to the profession and, in addition, demonstrate a commitment to clinical practice, research and teaching in the field of physical therapy in the state of Missouri.
- **Objectives of Graduate Study**
A concise but thorough explanation of graduate study objectives and of how the applicant's program addresses these objectives will reveal how doctoral preparation will assist the physical therapy profession.
- **Plan of Study and Completion of Degree**
Description of the course of study including, but not limited to, the area of study, anticipated degree, the number of courses per semester, and estimated date of completion. Realizing that a plan of study may change as graduate work progresses, the applicant should provide a realistic picture of when and how degree requirements will be fulfilled and the types of courses, which may be selected to meet the objectives for, graduate study.
- **Endorsement of Faculty Members**
Letters from two graduate program faculty members, mentors or advisors endorsing the applicant will offer a detailed assessment of the applicant's qualifications for graduate study and potential for academic and professional success.

Procedure Applications will be reviewed and selection of awards determined by a doctoral scholarship committee chaired by the Vice president. This committee will have a member from each district appointed by the MPTA president. Committee members are not eligible for scholarships while they serve on the committee.

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Instructions for the completion of Doctoral Scholarship Application

General Information

Career Goals (Long-term Objectives)

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A concise but thorough explanation of graduate study objectives and of how the applicant's program addresses these objectives will reveal how doctoral preparation will assist the physical therapy profession.

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Description of the course of study including, but not limited to, the area of study, anticipated degree, the number of courses per semester, and estimated date of completion. Realizing that a plan of study may change as graduate work progresses, the applicant should provide a realistic picture of when and how degree requirements will be fulfilled and the types of courses which may be selected to meet the objectives for graduate study.

Significance of Research Direction

A thorough explanation of the significance of the applicant's likely research direction to the profession of physical therapy and the science supporting physical therapist practice.

Endorsement of Faculty Members

Letters from two doctoral program faculty members, mentors or advisors endorsing the applicant will offer a detailed assessment of the applicant's qualifications for graduate study and potential for academic and research success.

Format Instructions

All materials in the application must be typewritten using a black ribbon and 10-point pica or computer generated/printed using not smaller than a 12-point font in black. Margins should be a minimum of 1" at the top and 1/2" at the bottom, left, and right. Stay within page limitations indicated. Do not use tabbed dividers, or any paper size other than 8.5" by 11". **Each copy must be stapled or in a metal binder clip. Do not use rubber band, tabs, or covers.**

Use English only. Avoid jargon and abbreviations. Familiarization with and use of the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice* terminology and principles are encouraged. Type your name at the top right-hand corner of each page of the application and type the appropriate Section identification at the bottom of each page (where applicable). Number all pages of the application consecutively. **Individual Forms are provided for A, B, C, D, E, and K. Duplicate as necessary and use the Blank Form Page for Forms/Sections F, G, H, I, J, and L.**

Submit only a complete application using the Table of Contents Checklist as a guide. An application will be considered incomplete and returned if it fails to comply with the instructions in all details or is illegible.

The original complete application and six copies of the must be received by the deadline. Applications should be sent to MPTA Doctoral Scholarship c/o MPTA 205 East Capitol Street, Suite 100, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Form Completion

Application Data Sheet (Form A)

Complete **all** items on the Data Sheet (Form A). The following instructions are keyed to the numbered items on the Data Sheet. Items not detailed below are self-explanatory.

Previous and Current Support: Provide information on all sources of support for doctoral program, including scholarship period and amount to date, including Foundation and APTA support.

Lay Language Summary (Form B)

Describe your proposed area of concentration and its relationship to the science supporting physical therapist practice. Be as specific as possible relative to the current phase of your education. Use language that can be understood by the lay public.

Table of Contents Checklist (Form C)

Before submitting your proposal refer to the Checklist (Form C) to make sure all components of the proposal are present and placed in their proper sequence. All pages of the completed application are to be numbered consecutively. Please fill in the page numbers to correspond with your application

Eligibility Checklist (Form D)

Check all eligibility requirements that apply to applicant.

Confirmation of Admission & Statement of Advisor (Form E)

Complete the information requested and present to the Faculty Advisor, Chairperson of the Dissertation Committee, or Director of the Degree Program for review and signature (Form E)

Career Goals (Form F)

Provide a clear, concise statement of your overall long-term career goals. Include in the answer the type of organization (academic, government, commercial, etc.) in which employment is desired or planned, the type of work to be pursued (research, teaching, etc.), and the area(s) of research planned. Applicant should be as clear and specific as possible when describing long-term goals. **(Not to exceed one single-spaced typewritten page.)** Use Blank Form page.

Objectives of Graduate Studies (Form G)

Provide a statement explaining your objectives in graduate studies, how you believe the program addresses these objectives, and how this preparation will assist the physical therapy profession in Missouri. (Not to exceed one single-spaced typewritten page.) Use blank Form page.

Plan of Study (Form H)

Provide a detailed plan of your study and plans for completion of the degree program. This should be a realistic picture of when and how you expect to fulfill your degree requirements and the types of courses you will select

to meet your objectives for graduate study. Include projected work on research (dissertation), comprehensive or qualifying examinations to be taken, current employment and professional activities. (Not to exceed two pages) Use Blank Form page.

Significance of Research Direction (Form I)

Discuss the importance of the plan of study to the research direction of the applicant. Explain how it will contribute to the needs of the physical therapy profession. (Not to exceed on single-spaced typewritten page.) Use Blank Form page.

Letters of Recommendation (Section J)

Provide one letter each from two doctoral program faculty members, mentors or advisors regarding the applicant's qualifications for graduate study and potential for an academic/research career. Each letter should include a personal and institutional statement of support. (Limited to two pages each). A biographical sketch (Bio) of each endorsing faculty must be attached to each letter. (Bio not to exceed three pages, use Biographical Sketch Form K)

Biographical Sketch (Form K)

Name: Include all names under which you have attended school or been known professionally, include professional designations.

Position Title: Provide the title of your current employment.

Education/Training: (in reverse chronological order) Include all degrees received and expected with corresponding dates and field of study.

Professional Experience: (In reverse chronological order) Account for all time since completion of physical therapy degree.

Honors and Awards: (in reverse chronological order) List applicant's honors and awards since completion of physical therapy degree.

Publications: (in chronological order) List applicant's bibliography. Separate articles, book chapters, and abstracts, identifying which have been peer reviewed. State authors (in published sequence) full title, journal volume number, page numbers, and year of publication or under review should be included and so identified. (Not to exceed two-single-spaced typewritten pages). Use Biographical Sketch Form K.

Transcripts (Section L)

Provide copies of transcripts of all professional education as a physical therapist and any previous graduate study. Copies must be legible.

Publications (Appendix)

You may attach a total of two (2) reprints of significant publications as an attachment to the application.

Terms and Conditions of Scholarships

Non-Compliance

Failure of the scholarship recipient to comply with the policies governing this scholarship may be grounds for early termination for the scholarship and/or denial of any future consideration by the MPTA for any of its programs.

Obligations/Service

Recipients MPTA Doctoral scholarships shall agree to (1) maintain student status during the years in which the scholarship proceeds will be used and (2) participate in any evaluation and/or outcome studies related to the scholarship program. Failure to meet these requirements shall bar the recipient from participating in other MPTA scholarship programs.

Reporting

The scholarship recipients shall provide reports to the MPTA Doctoral Scholarship committee according to the schedule described below. **Failure to submit a report by the stated deadline shall bar the recipient from participating in MPTA scholarship programs.**

Final Report: All recipients are expected to submit a final report to the MPTA by May 31 of the funded year. The Final must be filed separately from any application to the MPTA for continuing or new funds. The Final Report should include a summary description of the overall program and work completed.

APPLICATION DATA SHEET

PERSONAL DATA

1. Name: _____
2. (a) Current Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- (b) Permanent Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3. Telephone: Home: _____ Office: _____ Fax: _____
4. Social Security Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

5. Degree Sought: _____
Initial Program Enrollment Date: _____
Expected Date of Completion: _____
6. Department: _____
Area of Study: _____
7. Institution(s): _____
8. Previous and current support from all sources including the Foundation and APTA:

Approved Support:

Source	Amount	Period of Award

Pending Support:

Source	Amount	Period of Award

LAY LANGUAGE SUMMARY

TABLE OF CONTENTS CHECKLIST

	Page(s)
_____ Application Data Sheet (Form)	
_____ Lay Language Summary (Form)	
_____ Table of Contents Checklist (Form)	
_____ Eligibility Checklist (Form)	
_____ Confirmation of Admission and Statement (Form)	

Note: Please number all subsequent pages after the application is complete.

Check if present:

	Page(s)
_____ Career Goals (Section)	
_____ Objectives of Graduate Studies (Section)	
_____ Plan of Study (Section)	
_____ Significance of Career Development (Section)	
_____ Letters of Recommendation (Section)	
_____ Biographical Sketch (Form)	
_____ Transcripts (Section)	

ELIGIBILITY CHECK LIST

Please check (✓) all that apply

- _____ At time of application, possess a license to practice physical therapy in the US or in a US jurisdiction or have met all the requirements for licensure in Missouri, including having received a passing score on the licensure exam.

- _____ At time of application, enrolled as a student in a regionally accredited post-professional doctoral program.

- _____ Demonstrate a commitment to further the physical therapy profession through research and teaching in Missouri.

- _____ Member of the Missouri Chapter of the MPTA

CONFIRMATION OF ADMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTED PROGRAM OF STUDY

To Be Completed By Applicant

Name:

Institution:

Program/department or field of study:

Expected period of study:

Date matriculated into current doctoral program:

Expected date of graduation:

Statement of Applicant: I certify that the statements herein are true and complete and that the proposed plan of study/dissertation research has been reviewed by the appropriate representatives of the institution. I agree to accept responsibility for the conduct of the program and to comply with the terms and conditions placed by the Foundation upon any scholarship granted as the result of this application including all terms and conditions set forth in the Scholarship Guidelines and Applications for the relevant scholarship year.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

***To Be Completed By the Faculty Advisor, Chair, or Director of the Degree Program
in which Applicant Is Enrolled (As Applicable).***

The student described above has applied for a Doctoral Scholarship from the Missouri Chapter of the APTA.

Statement of Faculty Advisor, Chair, or Director of the Degree Program: The Applicant identified above has been formally admitted to the doctoral degree program described above. The Applicant is accepted as a graduate student in the first year of study toward the award of a(n) _____ Degree in the major field of _____ when the program has been successfully completed.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name:

Title:

Department:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Write section identification in lower right corner.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME		POSITION / TITLE	
EDUCATION / TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEAR (S)	FIELD OF STUDY

Provide information on Professional Experience, Honors and Awards and Publications.