

RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Grants Committee

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Purpose: Identify, and provide direction and oversight of external grants that can benefit the Academy and its membership. The primary focus of this work should be to sustain the work being accomplished through Project Quantum Leap (PQL) and to build orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) research capacity.

Primary Objectives:

1. Assist the Executive Director and Board of Directors in establishing key contacts with all potential funding resources, from both federal and private entities, to support PQL. Serve as a resource to Academy leadership in partnering with the Academy's lobbying firm that champions grant activities.
2. Investigate and monitor the nature and scope of existing funding that supports research that may have a direct impact on O&P patient care.
3. Serve as a conduit of information that can be useful to Academy members regarding opportunities for research funding, and ways to partner with other professional groups in the pursuit of evidence-based practice.