**2025 Call for PReS-supported PReSTAR Grants**

**Research grant application checklist**

**Grant pre-requisites:**

* Applying PI and co-PI must be members of a PReS WP2.0 and hold a valid PReS membership (please contact presmembership@mci-group.com for further information);
* At least one between PI and co-PI must be aged up to 40 years;
* The support requested to PReSTaR must be described clearly in the proposal;
* The proposed project should involve at least three countries; the partners involved in the proposal must provide a formal letter of support to the PI on their institution’s letterhead with a clear indication of their role in the project;
* Patient associations/representatives must be involved in the definition of the research needs and in the design of the proposal.

**The following features will be considered in the evaluation:**

* At least one among the applying PI and CoPI of the project and their home institution should be based in a European Paediatric Rheumatology Centre;
* The applying PI should clearly state whether the proposed project has already received any additional sources of funding from other organizations/entities;
* A specific proposal cannot be submitted for evaluation for more than two consecutive calls.

**Grant proposal structure:**

Please clearly describe your project on the following pages, under the following sub-headings:

1. Title of research
2. PI and co-PI (name, date of birth, Home Institution, professional position, e-mail address) and description of their anticipated contribution(s)
3. Abstract (200 words)
4. Background (max 150 words)
5. Research objective(s) (max 200 words)
6. Research Plan/Methodology based on the objectives (3pages max;) including:
	1. Design (e.g. criteria for selection of patients)
	2. Methods & procedures
	3. Planned experiments or variables
	4. Analysis including statistics
7. Detailed description of the role/contribution requested to PReSTaR (max 200 words)
8. Key anticipated outcomes and proposed metrics to measure success (max 200 words)
9. Project organization and timeline (1 page max)
	1. Involvement of patient organization(s) (max 200 words)
	2. Other entities involved
10. Milestones of the project (one-page table/Gantt chart preferred)
11. Budget
	1. Distribution of the grant funds among applicants per year

To be noted that contracting and invoicing will be full responsibility of the PI Home Institution.

1. Support and commitment letters from the involved centres (recommended at least 3 countries)

**Important recommendations to consider:**

* **Provide a contact e-mail address of all involved parties.**
* **Use this template (starting from page 3) for writing your proposal.**
* **Respect the required format:** A4-sized document using either Arial 11 pt or Times New Roman 12 pt font and exported as a PDF (with selectable/copiable text, not a scanned image).
* **Complete the enclosed APPENDIX sections.**

**Please notice that this call is dedicated mainly to** **observational studies, translational and basic science projects, pilot or feasibility studies, qualitative research, health services research, and educational or methodological projects. The grant may also enable the extension of already existing national clinical trials to an international level. If, instead, you are considering submitting a project aimed at establishing a new international disease registry, please note that PReS and PReSTaR are currently working on the launch of a specific call focused on registries. The purpose will be to collect real-world data and define the natural history of rare juvenile rheumatic diseases. The upcoming call, expected to be published in the next few months, may also facilitate international studies on biomarkers, genetics, and immunological abnormalities associated with these conditions.**

**Research project proposal**

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10. Involvement of patient organization(s)
11. Other entities involved
12. Milestones of the project
13. Budget (see table)
14. Support and commitment letters from the involved centres (recommended at least 3 European countries)

**11. Budget**

Please break down the total budget as follows:

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|  | **Year 1 (€)** | **Year 2 (€)** | **Year 3 (€)** |  |
| Salaries  |       |       |       |  |
| Materials and consumables |       |       |       |  |
| Travel and/or meeting costs |       |       |       |  |
| Administrative costs |       |       |       |  |
| Compensation to participating centres\*(if applicable) |       |       |       |  |
| Other costs |       |       |       | **Total all 3 years** |
| **Total funding** |       |       |       |       |

**\*If applicable, please indicate below the annual amounts allocated to each participating centre.**

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|  | **Year 1 (€)** | **Year 2 (€)** | **Year 3 (€)** |  |
| **Centre 1** |       |       |       |       |
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**Appendix I**

Please list scientific key references (max. 15) to the research proposal (including full title and all authors)

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**Appendix II**

1. Does the proposed project, or parts of it, have any co-funding or support from other sources?

Yes [ ]  (please specify in relation to the proposal)

No [ ]

1. Facilities / existing collaborative links available to support the proposed project
(no more than 100 words):

1. Has this or a related application currently been submitted elsewhere, including FOREUM, EULAR or ACR?

Yes [ ]  (if yes, please give details and state when you expect to hear the outcome)
No [ ]

1. Is the proposed project likely to lead to patentable or commercially applicable data or apparatus?

Yes [ ]  (if yes, please give details)
No [ ]

**IMPORTANT:** PReS/PReSTaR expect all of the applying researchers, both clinical and non-clinical, to adopt the highest achievable standards in the conduct of their research. This means exhibiting impeccable scientific integrity and following the principles of good research practice detailed in the **MRC Good Research Practice Guidelines (2000).**

**Appendix III**

Please list all current grants led by main applicants and please highlight **in bold** those related to the application.

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|  | **Grant holders** | **Project title** | **Start/end dates** | **Total sum awarded** |
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**Appendix IV**

Applicants are asked to disclose any conflicts of interest related to the application. Please list all recent (within the past three years), current and planned links with the following parties (only the name of the organisation and the nature of interest are required):

All information disclosed herein will be treated in strict confidence.

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| **Industry** |       |
| **National funders** |       |
| **Other relevant parties** |       |