Program Announcement
for the Defense Health Program
Defense Medical Research and Development Program
Department of Defense
Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program
Joint Program Committee 8
Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Program
Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Award

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Program (OPORP) are being solicited for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Defense Health Program (DHP), by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA). The executing agent for this Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP).

The OPORP Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Award (OPORA) is being offered for the first time in FY14. It is intended to support research that evaluates the comparative effectiveness of and functional outcomes associated with prosthetic and orthotic clinical interventions and/or other rehabilitation interventions for Service Members and Veterans who have undergone limb salvage or limb amputation. The goal is to improve our understanding and ultimately advance the implementation of the most effective prescriptions for prosthetic and orthotic devices, treatment, rehabilitation, and secondary health effect prevention options for patients, clinicians, other caregivers, and policymakers.

Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcome Research Award – preapplication due November 12, 2014, full application, if invited, due January 16, 2015

Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent) are eligible

Organizations eligible to apply include national, international, for-profit, non-profit, public, and private organizations

- Supports research that evaluates the comparative effectiveness of and functional outcomes associated with prosthetic and orthotic clinical interventions and/or other rehabilitation interventions for Service Members and Veterans who have undergone limb salvage or limb amputation.

- Proposed projects should be designed to provide outcomes data regarding orthotic and prosthetic devices, and/or related clinical interventions and must include the anticipated effect on patient care metrics.

- Studies should have a clinical focus and may include methodologies and designs such as surveys, retrospective data analyses, simulation modeling, longitudinal observation, cross sectional observation, case control, or qualitative research study designs.
Collaboration with military researchers and clinicians is encouraged, as are joint Department of Defense (DoD)-VA studies, including longitudinal outcome studies.

**Funding Level 1:**

- The maximum period of performance is 2 years.
- The maximum allowable total (direct and indirect) costs for the entire period of performance are $500,000.

**Funding Level 2:**

- The maximum period of performance is 3 years.
- The allowable range of total (direct and indirect) costs for the entire period of performance is between $500,000 and $3.5 million (M), depending on the individual research project.

All applications must demonstrate direct relevance to Service Members and Veterans with traumatic extremity injury and/or amputation using prosthetics and orthotic devices.

All applications must conform to the Program Announcement and General Application Instructions that are available for electronic downloading from the Grants.gov website. The application package containing the required forms for this award mechanism are also on Grants.gov. A listing of all USAMRMC funding opportunities can be obtained on the Grants.gov website by performing a basic search using CFDA Number 12.420.

Applications must be submitted through the federal government's single-entry portal, [Grants.gov](http://grants.gov). For more information about the OPCR or other CDMRP-administered programs, please visit the [CDMRP website](http://cdmrp.army.mil).

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