## Award Mechanism

### Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Award (OPORA)

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**Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number:**
- [W81XWH-14-OPORP-OPORA](#)

### PI Eligibility
- Independent investigators at all academic levels
- Organizations eligible to apply include national, international, for-profit, non-profit, public, and private organizations.

### Key Mechanism Elements
- 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
- The FY14 OPORA offers two funding levels:
  - **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.
- The requested budget level should be appropriate for the scope of research proposed.

### Submission Deadlines
- **Pre-application Deadline:**
  - November 12, 2014
  - 5:00 pm Eastern Time
  - Pre-application is required.
- **Application Deadline:**
  - January 16, 2015
  - 11:59 pm Eastern Time

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