

# PCORI Advisory Panel Applicant Town Hall

## 2022 Selection Cycle

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# Agenda



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# Introduction to PCORI

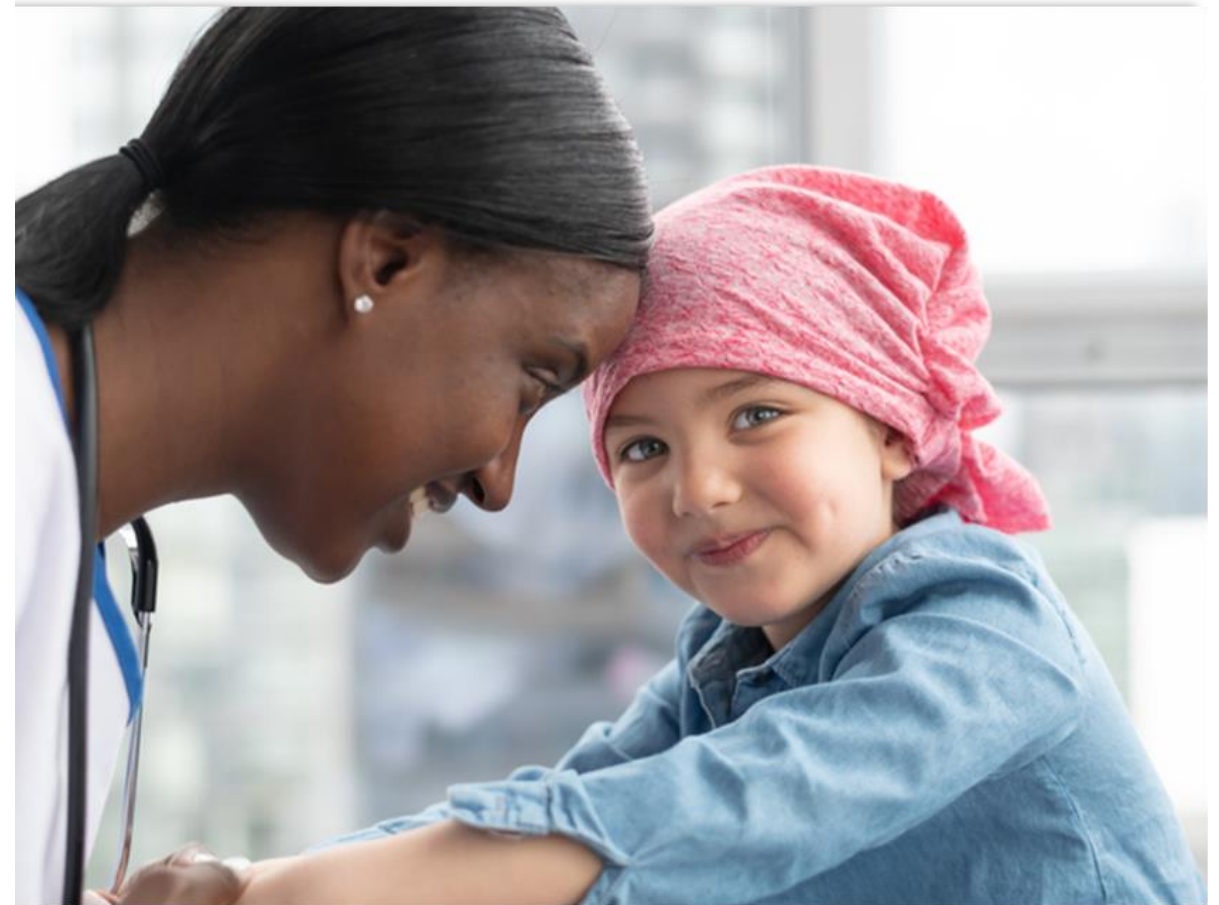
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# PCORI's Mission



PCORI helps people make informed healthcare decisions, and improves healthcare delivery and outcomes, by producing and promoting high-integrity, evidence-based information that comes from research guided by patients, caregivers, and the broader healthcare community.



# How Is PCORI Research Different?

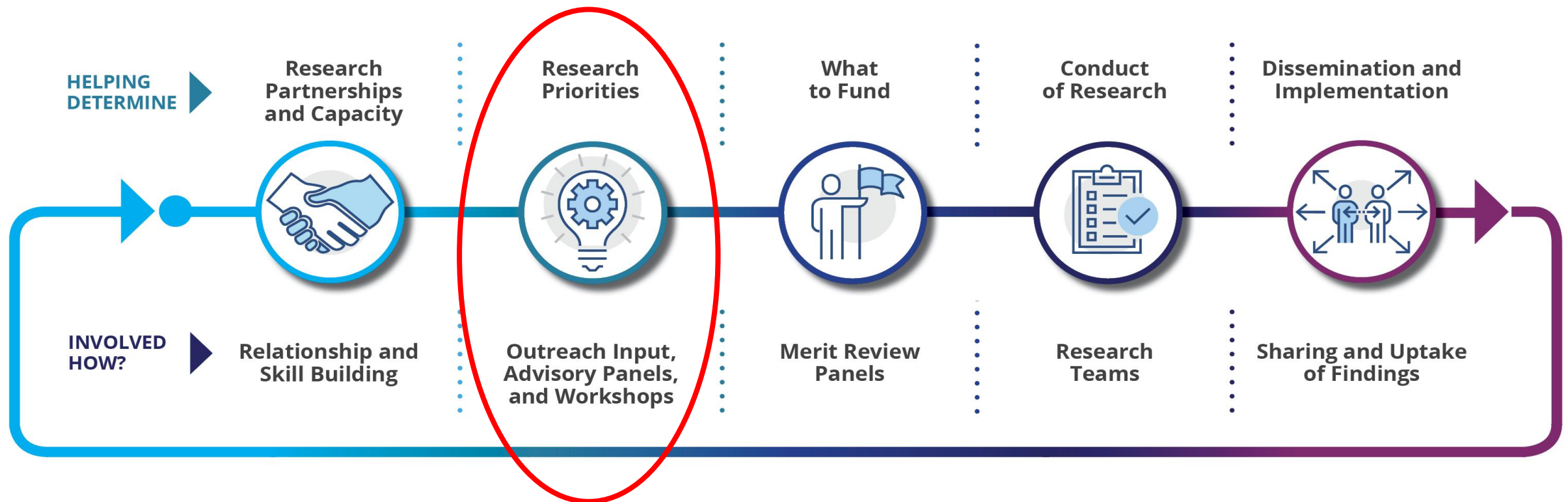


- PCORI funds **comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER)**—comparing benefits and harms of at least two methods to prevent, diagnose, treat, and monitor a clinical condition or improve care delivery.
  - PCORI funds research on **which care options work**, for whom, under which circumstances,
  - PCORI focuses on **answering questions most important to patients** and those who care for them,
  - PCORI aims to produce evidence that can be easily **applied in real-world settings**,
  - PCORI **engages** patients, caregivers, clinicians, insurers, employers, and other stakeholders throughout the research process.

# Engagement

## A Foundation for Everything PCORI Does

- Advisory panels advise and provide recommendations to plan, develop, implement, improve, and refine efforts toward meaningful patient-centered research.





# PCORI's Advisory Panels

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# PCORI's Five Advisory Panels



- PCORI is accepting nominations and applications for its five advisory panels, on the following topics:
  - Patient Engagement
  - Clinical Effectiveness and Decision Science (CEDS)
  - Healthcare Delivery and Disparities Research (HDDR)
  - Clinical Trials
  - Rare Disease

# Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement Function and Scope of Work



- Members of this panel will assure the highest patient engagement standards and a culture of patient-centeredness in all aspects of PCORI's work.
- Significant contributions:
  - Engagement Rubric,
  - Compensation Framework,
  - Ambassador Program,
  - Equity and Inclusion Guiding Engagement Principles, and
  - PCORI's Proposed National Priorities for Research.

# Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement

## Target Composition



- Composed of 12-24 members, of which:
  - 60% must represent the patient, caregiver, patient/caregiver advocacy community.
- The panel must recruit 1 panelist in 2022 to meet its charter mandate.
  - Must bring on 1 new representative of the patient, caregiver, patient/caregiver advocacy category,
  - May recruit up to 4 panelists, and
  - High level of interest in individual patients or caregivers, clinicians, and industry representatives.

# Advisory Panel on CEDS

## Function and Scope of Work



- The Advisory Panel on CEDS provides practical guidance on two of PCORI's research programs:
  - Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options (APDTO)
  - Communication and Dissemination Research (CDR)
- Significant Contributions:
  - Input and refinement on research priorities, questions, topics, and design related to APDTO and CDR,
  - Feedback and advice on priorities for communicating and disseminating CEDS research findings,
  - Relevance to stakeholder groups, and
  - PCORI's Proposed National Priorities for Research.

# Advisory Panel on CEDS

## Target Composition



- Composed of 12-24 members, of which:
  - 25% must represent the patient, caregiver, patient/caregiver advocacy community,
  - At least two members must have a background in health literacy, numeracy, and/or risk communication, and
  - At least two members must have a background in dissemination and implementation research.
- The panel may recruit up to 6 panelists in 2022.
  - High level of interest in payers and policy maker representatives.

# Advisory Panel on HDDR

## Function and Scope of Work



- The HDDR Advisory Panel provides practical guidance on two of PCORI's research programs:
  - Improving Healthcare Systems
  - Addressing Disparities
- Significant contributions:
  - Targeted topic refinement on telehealth and chronic disease management, health equity, and hypertension,
  - Guidance on priorities, relevant stakeholders, and perspectives on intellectual and developmental disabilities and maternal morbidity and mortality, and
  - PCORI's Proposed Research Agenda and National Priorities.

# Advisory Panel on HDDR

## Target Composition



- Composed of 12-24 members, of which:
  - 25% must represent the patient, caregiver, patient/caregiver advocacy community.
- The panel may recruit up to 16 panelists in 2022.
  - High interest in researchers, payers, clinicians, and hospital/health system representatives.

# Advisory Panel on Clinical Trials

## Function and Scope of Work



- Members of CTAP provide advice in multiple areas pertaining to the selection, research design, implementation, and technical issues of clinical trials.
- Significant Contributions:
  - PCORI Methodology Standards,
  - PCORI's Policy on Data Safety and Monitoring Plans; Guidance on the Design and Conduct of Trials in Real-World Settings,
  - Factors predictive of successful clinical trial performance,
  - Approaches to fund phased research projects with an initial feasibility testing phase, and
  - PCORI's Proposed National Priorities for Research.



# Advisory Panel on Clinical Trials

## Target Composition



- Composed of 10-15 members, of which:
  - At least two members must represent the patient, caregiver, patient/caregiver advocacy community,
  - 50% must have expertise in the conduct of clinical trials, such as clinical trialists, epidemiologists, biostatisticians, or medical informaticists, and
  - One member must have expertise in the ethical dimensions of clinical trials.
- The panel may recruit up to 5 panelists in 2022.
  - High interest in patient and payer representatives, a representative with experience working at the FDA, and a researcher with strong statistical expertise.

# Advisory Panel on Rare Disease Function and Scope of Work



- RDAP members advise and provide recommendations to PCORI on the conduct of patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research in rare diseases.
- Significant contributions:
  - Developed Rare Disease Research Guide for Merit Reviewers,
  - Input on PCORI's Guidance on Research in Rare Diseases,
  - Issued recommendations on posting of rare diseases resources on PCORI.org,
  - Identified priority areas for conducting Rare Disease Research using PCORnet, informing a Targeted Rare Disease focused funding opportunity,
  - Provided feedback on the promotion of Engagement Awards in the Rare Disease Community and opportunities to engage smaller/ultra-rare disease organizations, and
  - PCORI's Proposed National Priorities for Research.

# Advisory Panel on Rare Disease Target Composition



- Composed of 10-15 members, of which:
  - 33% must represent rare disease patients, caregivers, or the rare disease patient/caregiver advocacy community.
- The panel may recruit up to 5 participants in 2022.
  - High interest in recruiting policy maker and payer representatives, and
  - Continued interest in rare disease CER and methods expertise.

# Advisory Panelist Experiences



## Diverse Backgrounds and Career Levels Are Key to Robust Advisory Panels

February 16, 2021

By [Kaleab Abebe, PhD, MA](#)



## Sharing Messages of Engagement in Health from Montana's Crow Indian Nation

January 26, 2021

By [Alma McCormick](#)



## Advisory Panel Experience Informs Perspectives on Health Disparities

March 8, 2021

By [Kathleen Kieran, MD, MSc, MME](#)



[Diana Cejas, MD, MPH](#)

## Experiences as a Patient Inspire Advocacy Work of New Physician Member of HDDR Advisory Panel

February 2, 2022

# Serving on an Advisory Panel

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# Requirements and Expectations of Service

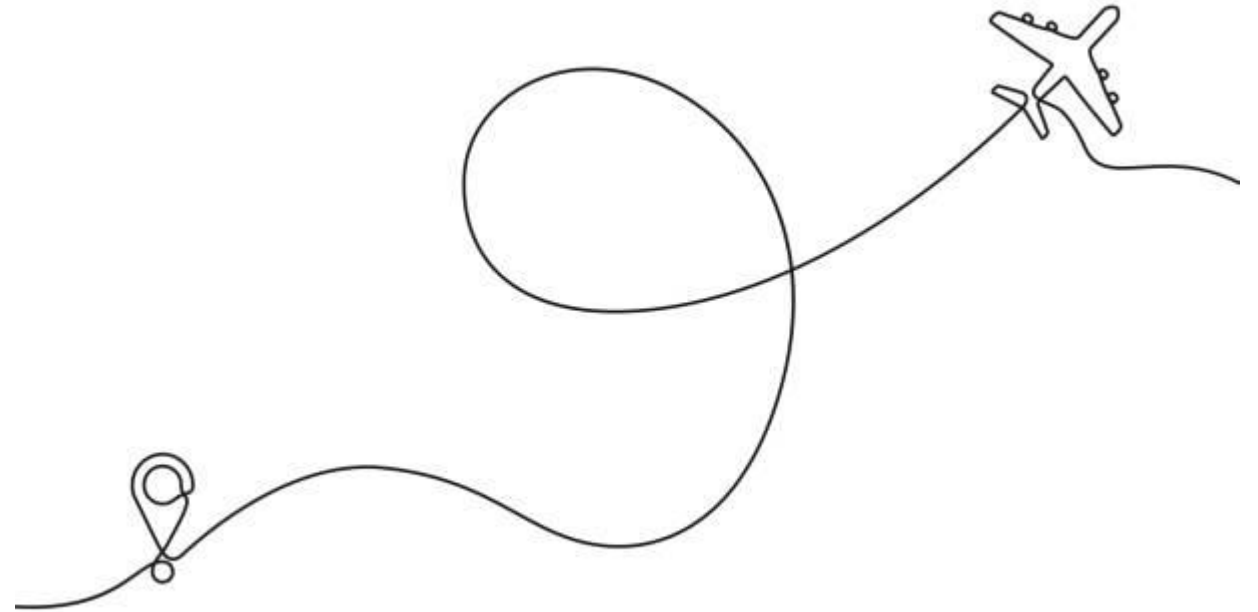


- Requirements:
  - Three-year term of service,
  - Abide by PCORI's Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy, annual submission of PCORI's COI Disclosure Form, and PCORI's General Release Form,
  - Complete new member online training, and
  - Attend 2-4 meetings in the DC area\*.
- Expectations:
  - Attendance at a new member orientation webinar,
  - Abide by PCORI's policies and procedures,
  - Respect the opinions of other panel members, and
  - Read background materials to prepare for meetings.

\*All PCORI meetings are currently virtual

# Honoraria, Expenses, and Travel

- Advisory panelists receive \$1,500/year as a token of appreciation for their service.
- In-person\* meetings are held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.
  - PCORI covers travel, lodging, and meals for these meetings.



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# Application, Nomination, and Review Process

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# How to Apply

- Open call for online applications through March 31 at 5pm ET
  - <https://www.pcori.org/about/pcoris-advisory-panels>
- Be prepared to answer questions about:
  - Condition and population of interest
  - Experience with PCOR/CER and engagement
  - Experience with topics covered by your indicated panel
- Additionally, you will need to provide:
  - Personal statement
  - Biography
  - Supporting documents, such as resume/CV

# Nominations



- PCORI accepts third-party nominations for its advisory panels.
- **Nomination instructions:**
  1. An individual or organization sends a letter of support to the nominee,
  2. Nominees must complete an application, indicate their nomination, and attach the received letter of support.
  3. All materials are due on 3/31.

# Panelist Selection Process



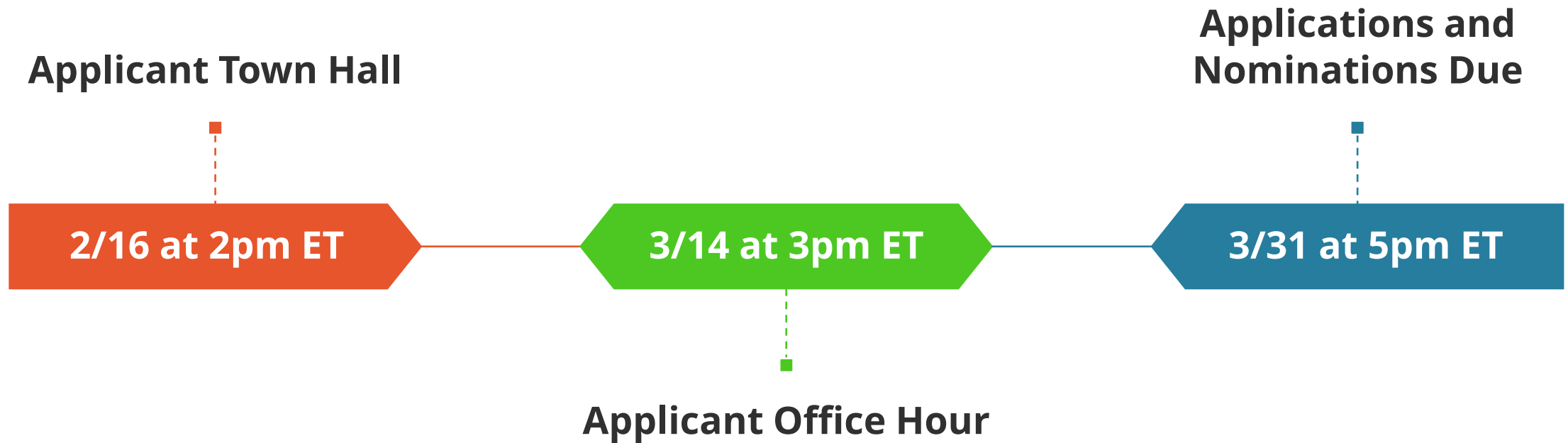
- **Review and selection will be based on:**
  - Experience,
  - Background,
  - Ability to contribute to the scope of work described in the panel's charter,
  - Commitment to advancing PCORI's mission and goals, and
  - Desire to balance a diversity of expertise and perspectives.

# Important Dates

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# Questions?

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Contact  
[advisorypanels@pcori.org](mailto:advisorypanels@pcori.org)

# Thank You!

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