

## BIPOC Research Invite FAQ

1. What is ProofPilot?
  - a. ProofPilot is a self-serve software that allows researchers to design, conduct and recruit participants into research, in an efficient and cost-effective way never before seen. With hundreds of studies under our belt, we've built a highly sophisticated tool that's used by some of the largest life science companies in the world as well as the bootstrapped researcher.
  
2. Who is Greater Gift?
  - a. Greater Gift is a non-profit organization, founded in 2010, with a mission to increase awareness of clinical research, especially among underrepresented communities, to improve global health. Greater Gift builds bridges with underrepresented communities to engage them in research, ensure equal representation in clinical research and to increase access to research as an option for medical care. Since its founding, Greater Gift has honored 130,000 clinical trial volunteers by making donations of vaccines and meals to children in need in their honor.
  
3. What is this initiative and why are you doing it?
  - a. Racial equity in all facets of research is a poorly addressed issue with a wide range of complicating factors ranging from public mistrust to lack of funding to systemic racism. As a company focused on making research more accessible to both researchers and participants, we wanted to reduce that barrier even more and created this open invite to widen the net of important topics in the BIPOC community that deserve to be examined rigorously. The winner will receive the ProofPilot platform completely free of charge, and in partnership with Greater Gift will receive a minimum of \$2,500 to support his or her research.
  
4. What kind of research can you submit as a part of this competition?
  - a. All researcher topics are welcome – medical, social, mental health, nutrition, education, etc. The winner will be determined by uniqueness of the research idea, feasibility to implement the research, and value of the research concept to the broader community.
  
5. Who is eligible to apply?
  - a. Adults over 18, residing in the US of BIPOC ancestry, focusing on a social, medical or health related research question.
  
6. Who owns the research data?
  - a. You, the researcher, will always own the data. It can live on the ProofPilot platform where you can do some analysis and custom queries, or you can download it and perform your analysis on your platform of choice

7. Will I get any training?
  - a. ProofPilot will provide you with necessary training and support to help you design the study that meets your needs
  
8. How long will I have access to this platform?
  - a. You will be able to access the platform for as long as your study is designed to take. However, we will work with you to get the study up and running quickly – within 3 months.
  
9. Can I do more than one study?
  - a. The winner of this invite will be granted one study at this time. However, promising results can open doors to additional opportunities with or without ProofPilot.
  
10. Are there any research types that will not be eligible for this contest?
  - a. We aim to be as inclusive as possible with the type or subject matter of research in question. Topics that have strong merit and a high chance of success will be judged more favorably.
  
11. What if my results are unfavorable or fail to meet the objective of the study?
  - a. Science isn't about validating our beliefs. It's about trying to find the truth. While many research projects "fail," they all contribute to knowledge in some way. There will be no impact to you as a result of the outcome of the study.
  
12. Does my research idea need to be fully formed in order to be considered or win?
  - a. No. Research is always a team effort and rarely does a single person think of every single thing that goes into good research. Please do think deeply and realistically about your research and talk to other experts who may be able to inform your idea.
  
13. What is my donation supporting?
  - a. All donations to Greater Gift, restricted for the ProofPilot Invitation, will go directly to the winner of the BIPOC Research Study Award. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by the IRS.
  
14. Is this for US based research only?
  - a. Yes. As this is our first year doing this invitational, we are trying to right size this to ensure success for everyone involved.
  
15. Why is Greater Gift partnering with ProofPilot?
  - a. Greater Gift is passionate about ensuring that all people are represented in clinical research. As such, we recognize the importance of equity in ALL Research, and we are proud to partner with ProofPilot to help give access and voice to BIPOC researchers of all kinds.

16. When will we know the judges' final decision on our application?
  - a. This depends on the volume of submissions, but we will work to announce the winner within 1 month after submission due date of July 31, 2022
  
17. How will we receive the news on the judges' final decision on our application?
  - a. You will be first contacted directly based on the information provided. We will also publicly announce the winner on social media, on our website and through the press, as appropriate. We plan to have an in-person ceremony in the fall, as schedules allow.
  
18. Will there be other assistance made available? (e.g. financial support)
  - a. We will do our best to raise funds to help support your research in other ways. As such, we have set a minimum prize of \$2,500. Additional contributions from donors will be added to this minimum award, so please spread the word!
  
19. How will I design the study?
  - a. We have research experts on staff who can help you think through the study itself, though the platform is designed for the autonomous researcher. You will ultimately be accountable for the design, but certainly may enlist peers, partners and others in your network to collaborate on the platform at no extra charge.
  
20. How will I recruit participants for the study?
  - a. This will depend on the kind of study, but the ProofPilot platform enables a wide variety of recruitment tactics to be deployed, whether it be online, in person, or other kind of outreach. We can consult on various strategies, tactics, and partners, though this is not a service ProofPilot provides. If desired, we can refer you to 3rd parties who may be able to help.
  
21. What happens if a patient / participant has an adverse event (AE) or serious (severe) adverse event?
  - a. For studies that require it, medical oversight will be an important condition of responsible research. In certain studies, AE reporting is frequent and systematic, while other times it will be unsolicited but spontaneous. If you are not performing this as the investigator, you'll need to be mindful of this likelihood and plan accordingly to ensure proper medical oversight is in place.
  
22. Can I publish results in a journal?
  - a. This depends on your study. The more rigorous and impactful the study is designed, the better chance you have to get it published.
  
23. Will you support journal publication?
  - a. ProofPilot follows the same ethical, scientific and regulatory standards of big-pharma and academia. While we encourage publication in a journal at the

researcher's own discretion and can share directive resources, we do not support the process of publication in a journal.