To apply for research year funding in the PIRT program, please provide the following materials to Tim Oury at Scaife Hall, 7th Floor, 3550 Terrace Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261.

1. Updated Curriculum Vitae.
2. 1-2 page statement of the goals of the proposed research period and plans for the transition to independence.
3. Letter of support from proposed mentor indicating commitment to mentoring you and a training plan for helping you achieve independence.
4. Mentor's NIH biosketch and training plan.

Lab Selection:
Funded PIRT trainees will work in a laboratory of an independently funded faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Pathology. Upon selecting a laboratory, the mentor will provide a training/mentoring plan. The training plan should detail how the mentor will foster the applicant's development as an independent investigator with emphasis on integrating a clinical and research career. Mentors without clinical responsibilities are encouraged to have co-mentors who integrate research and clinical careers.

Should the trainee select a primary mentor that does not qualify for PIRT funding, this application should still be submitted for residency program and PIRT approval of the mentor and timing of the research year. However, the trainee should work directly with their mentor to identify alternative sources of funding.

Training plan:
Describe the career development plan incorporating consideration of the candidate's goals and prior experience. A systematic plan should be presented for obtaining the necessary biomedical science background and research experience to launch an independent research career.

Include information on research qualifications and previous experience as a research supervisor. The applications must also include information to describe the nature of the supervision that will occur during the proposed award period, and plans to promote professional service, networking, and collaborative skills.

Similar information must be provided by any co-mentor. If more than one mentor is proposed, the respective areas of expertise and responsibility should be described.