

American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation

Research Fellowship in Prosthodontics

for dental students and graduate students in dental-related fields

The American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation (ACPEF) is committed to assisting the dental profession in its quest for continuous improvement in clinical care. This fall, the **ACPEF will be awarding research fellowship grants for up to \$6,000.** These will be awarded to support meritorious research proposals that seek to advance basic scientific and applied clinical knowledge in the area of Prosthodontics.

What is the intent of the Research Fellowship?

ACPEF wishes to support promising research conducted by dental scientists-in-training. The awarding of a fellowship grant will obligate the grantee to submit a manuscript based on the work to the **Journal of Prosthodontics** within two years of the award. The grantee will be required to submit two brief progress reports per year until the previously stated obligation has been met.

What are appropriate areas for investigation?

Any investigation relevant to prosthodontic care is appropriate. This would include all disciplines in prosthodontics: fixed implant, maxillofacial and removable prosthetics.

Who can apply?

This competition is open to all U.S. dental students, residents, and fellows, as well as to graduate students in dental-related fields (e.g., Oral Biology, Biomaterials, etc.).

How will grants be reviewed?

The American College of Prosthodontists Research Committee will review each application.

Evaluation Criteria:

- 1.) Clearly defined clinical or translational research question
- 2.) Relevance to Prosthodontics and the Fellowship program
- 3.) Hypothesis-driven application with a clearly defined purpose/objective
- 4.) Methods and materials are relevant and state-of-the-art
- 5.) Reasonable research plan, scope of research design with timeline of productivity
- 6.) Background and support from research mentor and institutional commitment
- 7.) Organization and conciseness of application
- 8.) Budget relevance

How does one apply? The application should take the form of an abbreviated research proposal of no more than fifteen (15) pages in a single document and should include:

- 1.) **Title Page:** include project title and investigator's name, address, e-mail, telephone number, academic affiliation, and research advisor. The address and e-mail of the research advisor must also be included.
- 2.) **Project Rationale:** devote no more than two (2) pages to the justification and significance of the project with necessary reference support. Also, describe the clinical relevance of the project to the field of Prosthodontics.
- 3.) **Project Protocol:** devote no more than two (2) pages to a description of the proposed project and specify the particular role of the investigator in the project. Also address study design/sample size, anticipated findings, overview of data analysis, and project time line. For human subject or animal studies, funding is contingent on institutional review board (IRB) approval; IRB/IACUC approval or exemption documentation should be sent as a separate attachment.
- 4.) **Institutional Description:** devote no more than one (1) page to a description of the facility (ies) in which the project will be conducted.
- 5.) **Project Budget:** briefly indicate the expenses anticipated in conducting the project. Funds cannot be used for standard, non-consumable laboratory equipment, any travel, or for institutional overhead or indirect costs. If the proposed budget is more than \$6,000, please include an explanation of how additional costs will be covered.
- 6.) **Curriculum Vitae:** include one for the applicant and the research mentor (no more than 2 pages for each; NIH biosketch format is acceptable).
- 7.) **Letter of Support:** The application must be submitted with a letter of support from the research mentor.

What is the timing of the award competition?

Award decisions will be communicated to all applicants by early December. Payment is made in two installments, the first in January and the second following approval of 6-month progress report.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY
TO THE ACPEF AT
acpef@prosthodontics.org
by OCTOBER 15**

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