

ACPEF Award Program

Mission of the ACPEF

The American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation (described as “Foundation” for remainder of document) has established a mission statement. That statement is:

Mission of ACPEF: To improve overall dental health in the United States through dissemination of educational information to the general public and support for prosthodontic education, research and patient care

Funding of the ACPEF

The ACPEF receives funding from corporate donations, private donations from members of the ACP, special gifts from grateful recipients of prosthetic care and the general public.

Activity of ACPEF

Awards from the Foundation will address the main categories outlined in the mission statement. These are:

- Dissemination of education to the public
- Support for prosthodontic education
- Support for prosthodontic research
- Support for prosthodontic patient care

Financial support will be provided by the Foundation for all of these areas but will place primary emphasis on prosthodontic education and research with fewer financial resources being devoted to public education and direct patient care. The latter areas are currently being served through the web based patient access areas on the ACP Home page (www.prosthodontics.org).

Funding of ACPEF

The Foundation generates funds for distribution through two basic methods. A portion of its annual receipts are placed into a permanent endowment. Principle within the endowment fund will be untouched in perpetuity while interest from endowed funds will be available to the Foundation to support annual initiatives. Those funds not dedicated to the endowment will be used to support operations of the Foundation and to fund the remaining initiatives. A general outline of annual Foundation receipts through donations distribution are as follows:

- General fund distribution should go to three specific areas:
 - Endowment
 - 40%
 - ACPEF determines funds
 - Operations
 - 20%
 - ACPEF determines funds
 - Initiatives and Awards
 - Share remaining 40%
 - Should be a one time item for funding
 - For Initiatives the ACPEF Awards committee to advise ACPEF in keeping with funding designations in response to requests for funding that are received 12-24 months in advance
 - For Awards the ACPEF Awards committee defines distribution

Public Education

The ACPEF provides financial support to efforts designed to increase public awareness of the specialty of prosthodontics. Requests for funding for public relations efforts are accepted by the ACPEF at any time during the year. Each request will be considered individually by the entire Foundation Board and decisions will be based on the merits of the project in keeping with the financial resources of the Foundation.

Financial Support for Prosthodontic Education

Funding will be provided to students in prosthodontic training. Students who receive awards will not be eligible for a second award during the course of his/her training program with the exception of those students to pursue a distinct maxillofacial prosthetics program following their general prosthodontic program.

Annual Award amount will be established by the Foundation and will be communicated to the ACPEF Awards Committee in July 1 of each year. Based upon the total amount of funding available, the Awards Committee will then recommend to the Foundation a distribution program by August 1 of that year. The Foundation will approve or modify this recommendation by August 15 and will notify the Awards Committee of this action at that time. The Awards Committee will then charge a Recipient Selection Committee with selection of recipients for the annual awards. Deadlines are established so that the ACP can send out award announcements and solicitations on September 1 of each year.

Timetable

Action	Date
Foundation notifies Awards Committee of annual award amount	July 1
Awards Committee recommends distribution program to Foundation (Number and amount of awards and specific comments relative to intended recipients)	August 1
Foundation approves or modifies Award Committee recommendation	August 15
ACP announces annual educational grants and solicits applications for October 15 deadline	September 1
Recipient Selection Committee judges applicants and selects recipients	completion by December 30

Intent: The ACPEF will provide partial funding for students involved in graduate prosthodontic education and/or maxillofacial prosthetic fellowship programs.

Financial Support for Prosthodontic Research

The Foundation will provide financial support for research in Prosthodontics and related fields. Annually the Foundation will initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP). This request will be made to the prosthodontic community and will seek applications for basic, translational and clinical research activities. The RFP will describe areas of interest to the Foundation to assist investigators in developing research proposals. Proposals addressing, but not limited to, these areas of interest will be solicited. Based on funds available, awards will be made for Prosthodontic-related research to US and Canadian faculty.

Each year, the Foundation's Board will outline funding available to support prosthodontic research for the next year (starting February 1st of the following year). In March, the RFP will solicit specific applications which must be received by the Foundation prior to November 1st. The research committee's critical review of the scientific merit of all applications will be completed to permit research proposal funding on or before February 1st.

Priority will be given to applications that address the specific thematic area of the (RFP) and encourage participation of Prosthodontists in the research activities. Awards to the applicant's institution will be for one year period of time. The ACPEF will not pay Administrative and Financial Costs (often referred to as indirect costs). It will be the responsibility of each investigator to prepare all relevant institutional ethics and review board approvals.

Timetable

Action	Date
Foundation determines amount available for funding in the upcoming year	February 1
Foundation makes Request for Proposals (RFP) for the next calendar year	March 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request is made to the general prosthodontic community • Request calls for applications for basic, translational and clinical research activities 	
Application Deadline to ACP Research Committee	November 1
ACP Research Committee review (outside peer review may be sought for specific applications). Objective grading and rank order evaluated based on NIH scale. Scores and rank order forwarded to ACPEF Board for review of Research Committee's recommendations.	November 1 to December 1
ACPEF Board Final Decision on applications followed by Funding distribution.	February 1 (following year)

ACPEF Support for Patient Care

The ACPEF recognizes the need to provide financial support for patient care. It accepts requests for funding patient care from ACP members. Decisions regarding the amount of funding that can be provided are based upon patient need, circumstances unique to that specific patient, and the financial resources of the Foundation.