



*Advancing prosthodontics through education and research*

## **ACP Education Foundation Research Fellowships Submission Guidelines**

The ACP Education Foundation (ACPEF) is committed to assisting the dental profession in its quest for continuous improvement in clinical care. The ACPEF will be awarding **research fellowship grants 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 one brief progress report per year until the previously stated obligations have 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?***

Individuals are eligible if they are currently 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year resident enrolled in a CODA-accredited postdoctoral prosthodontic program and are a Resident Member, in good standing, of the American College of Prosthodontists.

### ***How will grants be reviewed?***

The ACP Research Committee will review each application.

### ***Terms of grant acceptance:***

- 1) The applicant is responsible for completing at least 80% of the proposed experiments.
- 2) Once completed, the results from this project must be submitted for publication in the *Journal of Prosthodontics*.
- 3) The experiments proposed in this application are not funded by other prosthodontic organizations.
- 4) Failure to abide by these instructions will result in revoking the grant, and the ACPEF will request the return of dispensed funds.

### ***Evaluation Criteria:***

- 1) **Clearly Defined Research Question:** Evaluation of background and scope. Does the application provide adequate background/literature review culminating in a research hypothesis or question?
- 2) **Relevance to Prosthodontics:** What is the impact of the project on prosthodontics and how it would advance our specialty?
- 3) **Approach:** Are the materials, methods, and study design appropriate?
- 4) **Background and Support of Mentor/Institutional Commitment:** Is there sufficient background or support from a mentor/sponsoring institution?
- 5) **Organization of Application:** Are the budget realistic and timeline reasonable?

### ***What is the timing of the award competition?***

Applicants will be notified of the results in November 2023. All grants will be distributed by the end of the year.

### ***How does one apply?***

The application should take the form of an abbreviated research proposal in a single PDF document and should include:

- 1) **Title Page:** devote one (1) page to include project title and investigator's name, address, email, telephone number, academic affiliation, and research advisor. The address and email 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 and potential pitfalls, overview of data analysis, and project timeline. For human subject or animal studies, funding is contingent on institutional review board (IRB) approval; IRB/IACUC reference number should be included.
- 4) **Bibliography:** List the references cited in the proposal (no page limit).
- 5) **Institutional Description:** devote no more than one (1) page to a description of the facility/facilities in which the project will be conducted.
- 6) **Project Budget:** devote one (1) page to briefly indicate the expenses anticipated in conducting the project. F&A (indirect) costs are not allowed. If the proposed budget is more than \$6,000, please include an explanation of how additional costs will be covered.
- 7) **Curriculum Vitae:** include one for the applicant and the research mentor (no more than 2 pages for each; NIH biosketch format is acceptable).
- 8) **Letter of Support:** The application must be submitted with a letter of support from the research mentor (one page).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY  
IN PDF FORMAT TO THE ACPEF AT

[jmcdaniel@prosthodontics.org](mailto:jmcdaniel@prosthodontics.org) by **September 12, 2023**

\*\*\*For further information, please contact:  
Dr. Hai Zhang, ACP Research Committee Chair  
[haizhang@uw.edu](mailto:haizhang@uw.edu)

Ms. Justinn McDaniel, ACP Manager of Membership & Section Engagement  
[jmcdaniel@prosthodontics.org](mailto:jmcdaniel@prosthodontics.org)