



OMeGA fellowship and residency/general education grant recipients announced

(ROSEMONT, IL) June 4, 2010— OMeGA Medical Grants Association announced that 70 graduate medical grants have been awarded for the 2010-2011 academic year. The list of grant recipients is available on www.omegamedicalgrants.org.

These grant recipients were chosen from the 218 applications submitted by academic programs in the Americas. The non-conflicted OMeGA board and review committee evaluated applications based on objective educational criteria and thorough knowledge of the academic environment. The OMeGA bifurcated review process ranks programs in a blinded fashion based on merit, rather than a randomly. Criteria include:

- Goals/objectives of program
- Program accreditation status
- Program match participation
- Number/expertise of faculty
- Ratio of faculty to fellows
- Recent published papers/presentations by fellows
- Quality of resources and facilities

OMeGA awarded fellowship grants up to \$75,000 in nine sub-specialty categories: Adult Reconstruction/Arthroplasty, Foot and Ankle, Hand and Upper Limb, Orthopaedic Oncology, Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, Pediatric Orthopaedics, Shoulder and Elbow, Spine and Trauma.

Residency/general education grants up to \$5,000 were awarded for educational activities, which included developing an arthroscopy skills course, visiting professors, cadaver specimens, surgical skills lab, journal club, resident research day, motor skills lab, and a biomechanics immersion course.

“OMeGA’s processes have been created to be free from conflicts of interest,” said C. McCollister Evarts, MD, President of OMeGA Medical Grants Association. “We have honed our processes over the two years and are staying true to our missions of independence and transparency in support of graduate medical education.”

Grants are available through the generous support of donors: Zimmer, the founding supporter at the platinum level, and Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics and Synthes at the contributor level.

About OMeGA Medical Grants Association

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is an independent, not-for-profit organization established in 2008.

OMeGA awards and manages grants for orthopaedic graduate medical education through a consistent, accessible process designed to safeguard against potential conflicts of interest and ensure transparency in the allocation of resources. Visit www.omegamedicalgrants.org for more information.

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