



Orthopaedic educational grants to fellowship and residency programs—with independence and transparency.

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~96% of orthopaedic residents seek fellowship training.* 50% of orthopaedic fellowships were funded by medical device technology companies.

On-going orthopaedic education and sub-specialty clinical skills development are critical to maintain and increase the quality of patient care. Unfortunately, industry support of graduate medical education has slowed as companies search for an organization that is free of conflicts of interest and meets the increased regulatory scrutiny of industry relationships with physicians.

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is DoJ monitor-approved, with safeguards to maintain barriers between industry and educational programs to eliminate any potential for bias.

OMeGA provides an independent and transparent administration of graduate medical education grants. OMeGA board of directors and review committee members have no current ties to industry and have received no remuneration from industry in the past two years. Board members do not currently hold leadership roles responsible for financial decision-making in orthopaedic training programs.

While donors may direct their contributions to specific sub-specialty areas, they have no role in directing funds to specific programs or candidates. Donors are acknowledged as a group for each category, helping to maintain the arms-length separation between industry and academic programs.

OMeGA provides aggregate feedback on the use of funds, characteristics of the fellowships in the funded categories, and resulting research, presentations and papers. This report can be used as a data collection tool to improve training and education and for needs assessment purposes.

71 grants awarded for the 2010-2011 academic year

From the 218 applications received, 49 grants were awarded in nine sub-specialty fellowship categories and 22 grants were awarded to residency programs.

Fellowship grants up to \$75,000

To support a fellow in nine orthopaedic sub-specialty areas

- Adult reconstruction/Arthroplasty
- Foot and ankle
- Hand and upper extremity
- Orthopaedic oncology
- Orthopaedic sports medicine
- Pediatric orthopaedics
- Shoulder and elbow
- Spine
- Trauma

Grant application criteria include

- Educational program
- Numbers of fellows per year
- Faculty expertise
- Research/publications and presentations
- Educational resources
- Anticipated outcomes of grant funding
- Program accreditation status
- Other sources of funding for program

Funding is based on established objective criteria and not on the use, order, or purchase of any products or services of any specific medical device manufacturer. Grant recipients must represent and warrant that the receipt of funds shall not affect professional judgment.

Fellowship and residency grants are available to allopathic and osteopathic programs in the Americas.

Residency grants up to \$5,000

Orthopaedic residencies/general education including, but not limited to:

- Books and journals for program use (hard copy or electronic)
- Educational courses, including online courses, self-assessment courses, and other learning aids
- Journal club support (not to conflict with JBJS program)
- Development of novel curricula and/or educational resources
- Skills Lab and cadaver sessions
- Visiting professors/Grand Rounds speakers

Applications with a broader benefit to the residency program are given special consideration.

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