



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

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## Fellowship grant requestor FAQs

### Application process

***We have four fellows in our trauma program. Can we apply for four grants?***

Institutions may apply for one grant in each fellowship category.

***We are excited to see OMeGA aligned with the match timelines. How will that affect milestone reporting?***

Programs will continue to report progress quarterly, though the information required in each quarter will change to reflect the change in fellows.

***Can I send in my application by mail?***

The OMeGA grants management system is electronic to be time- and resource-efficient, and ensure a fair and consistent review of all application requests.

***Is there a charge to apply for a grant?***

There is a \$25 application fee.

***Can we see the Grant Recipient Contract before we apply?***

The Grant Recipient Agreement, which grant recipient organizations are required to sign, is posted on the website. Your institution must agree to these terms as part of the registration process.

### Funding criteria

***We applied last year and did not receive a grant. Can we share our scores with us so we can improve?***

OMeGA does not give out actual scores, however, we suggest you review the list of objective criteria and work to demonstrate how your program excels in these areas. In addition, we recommend clearly answering the questions asked with complete and grammatical sentences. Promote the uniqueness of your program succinctly. Review the “help guide” on the website for useful information.

***Will OMeGA fellowship grants cover our overhead costs?***

OMeGA fellowship grants may be used for salary, benefits and educational expenses needed to support a fellow. Capital improvement or capital equipment purchases, malpractice insurance coverage, endowment funding, meals, travel, housing and indirect costs from your institution are not covered by an OMeGA fellowship grant.

***Must my program be accredited to apply for fellowship funding?***

Fellowship programs do not need to be accredited. We understand that programs may need funding in order to get through the accreditation process.

***How will funding decisions be made?***

Review committees evaluate applications within their respective sub-specialties and make recommendations to the OMeGA board for approval.

***My program is located in Canada.***

***Is OMeGA really open to non-U.S. applications?***

All programs in the Americas get fair and equal consideration, whether they are academic institutions or community hospitals, MD or DO programs.

### Independence and transparency

***Are OMeGA’s guidelines consistent with AAMC guidelines?***

AAMC and OMeGA both prescribe an arms-length relationship between industry and fellowship programs to create a level field for all institutions and candidates. OMeGA is not privy to specific candidate information until after the grant has been awarded and only publishes aggregate information.

***One of the OMeGA review committee members works for my institution.***

***Can we still apply for a grant?***

Board and review committee members recuse themselves from considering grant applications made by institutions with which they have been associated in the last two years.

***I appreciate seeing which programs were awarded grants in each category. Why don’t you publish the amount awarded to each program?***

OMeGA is working to secure additional funding for all sub-specialty categories. “Need” is part of our message to potential donors, which we measure by the number/amount of grants awarded divided by the number/amount of grants applied. Programs may be discouraged by the amount of money that may be available at a given time and choose not to apply though contributions could increase at any time. This unfairly describes the true need and works against OMeGA’s mission to fund all orthopaedic training areas.

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