



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 GME grants. OMeGA's 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. Board members and review committee members recuse themselves from reviewing applications from institutions with which they are involved.

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 arm's-length separation between industry and academic programs.

OMeGA shares aggregate feedback on the use of funds, characteristics of fellowship and residency programs and resulting research, presentations and papers with the orthopaedic profession. This benchmarking data can help improve training and education and be used for needs assessment purposes.

### Fellowship grants up to \$75,000

OMeGA has awarded 139 fellowship grants since its inception. These grants support fellows 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

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 recipient institutions must represent and warrant that the receipt of funds shall not affect professional judgment.

### Grant application criteria includes:

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

### Timeline for fellowship grants for 2013-2014 academic year

#### *Application period*

Monday, October 10, 2011 – Friday, December 16, 2011, 5pm CST

#### *Grant recipients notified*

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

### Fellowship grant cycle aligned with sub-specialty match timelines

In response to sub-specialty society input and direct feedback from fellowship programs, OMeGA's fellowship grant timeline is now aligned with the sub-specialty match process.

This timing allows programs to declare OMeGA funding on their match applications for the 2013-14 academic year for all sub-specialty matches except for the shoulder category (which has an early submission date in December).

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