

Donor FAQs

Funding

We provide funding directly to specific institutions. Why should we consider donating to OMeGA?

Your company can likely fund only some of the many programs that request support. Donating to OMeGA can supplement your direct funding, generate additional goodwill to multiple orthopaedic programs, and provide needed GME support.

Can we direct where our donations are used?

You can choose between nine subspecialty fellowship categories and the developing program category. Two residency grant options are also available: core competency innovation and general education. While your corporate focus will be the primary driver, ancillary categories will also help to maximize program and fellow awareness of your company.

As an additional reason to support more than one subspecialty category, the OMeGA database shows that 16.3% of fellows seek training in a different subspecialty after they complete their first fellowship. Committing a portion of your donation to one or both of OMeGA's residency categories may also be prudent since residents become fellows in a very short period of time!

Do new programs receive grants?

OMeGA introduced a new category to provide grants to developing programs that may not have the history of achievements to compete for grants against more established programs. In the first offering, 23% of applicants self-selected this category.

Is funding needed in all subspecialties?

As a percentage of total amount requested by category, fellowship grants ranged from 3% to 54%; Foot & ankle, Hand & upper extremity, and Sports medicine are particularly underfunded categories.

Is there truly a need for orthopaedic graduate medical education funding?

OMeGA awarded 100 partial fellowship grants, 26 residency general education,

and 7 core competency innovation grants for the 2014-2015 academic year. Yet there were many more meritorious applications that were unfunded. Only 27.3% of grant funds requested were awarded.

Open Payments reporting

What does OMeGA provide for our Open Payments reporting requirements?

OMeGA will report the institution name, the company's portion of the total amount of each grant payment, dates of the payments, tax identification number of grant recipient institutions, number of grant recipient institutions, and the program director's name. OMeGA believes this information will allow companies to comply with the Open Payments requirements yet preserve third party GME grants administration boundaries.

Benefits and recognition

How does my company benefit?

OMeGA grants facilitate ongoing discussions, increase access to knowledge and advanced training, and continue the orthopaedic subspecialty training needed to maintain and improve patient care. The AAOS and AOA Annual Meetings offer networking opportunities with leaders in orthopaedic academics.

We have specific subspecialty questions. Can OMeGA provide answers?

The OMeGA database is becoming quite robust and we are committed to using our growing database to help advance the orthopaedic profession. OMeGA is happy to share aggregate trends and data with donors.

What kind of recognition can my company expect?

Donors are acknowledged on OMeGA print and electronic communications as a group with other donors. Donors are also recognized in orthopaedic communications like AAOS Now, AOA Community of Leaders and subspecialty newsletters. Recipient programs may also acknowl-

edge OMeGA and donors in their academic/hospital communications following specific OMeGA guidelines.

Sixteen orthopaedic associations have joined OMeGA to increase funding for orthopaedic GME. Many of these societies provide additional recognition for donors that support OMeGA and GME in their subspecialty category. We are working with these forward-thinking societies—and have reached out to others to coordinate efforts to best advance the orthopaedic profession.

We are a new, small company. How can we afford to support orthopaedic GME through OMeGA?

For companies with annual sales of less than \$100 million at present but will be larger in the future, OMeGA created the Emerging Growth Company (EGC) category. A \$25,000 EGC donation offers the same recognition as the benefits earned by larger donors.

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is an independent 501(c)(3) organization.

OMeGA welcomes your feedback and looks forward to working with your company to continue our mutual efforts to support and sustain quality orthopaedic education.

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