

For donors

Funding

Can we direct where our donations are used?

You can choose between nine subspecialty fellowship categories and the developing program category. 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.

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.

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. Since our first developing program grant in 2014, 13.9% of applicants have self-selected this category

Is funding needed in all subspecialties?

As a percentage of total amount requested by category, fellowship grants ranged from 7.2 to 30.1%; 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 129 partial fellowship grants for the 2017-2018 academic year. Yet there were many more meritorious applications that were unfunded. Only 18.9% of grant funds requested were awarded.

Benefits and recognition

What kind of recognition can my company expect?

Donors receive letters of appreciation from grant recipient programs in their supported subspecialties. Donors are highlighted on

OMeGA electronic and printed communications, many of which are distributed at our partner society meetings. Subspecialty partners offer thanks to OMeGA donors with ads, slides and meter boards at their annual meetings and on their websites. Donors are featured on grant recipient certificates that are displayed in prominent program common areas.

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.

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

For companies with annual sales of less than \$50K at present but will be larger in the future, OMeGA created the Emerging Growth Company (ECG) category. A \$25,000 EGC donation offers the same recognition as the benefits earned by larger donors.

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.

32 associations and subspecialty societies join forces with OMeGA to support orthopaedic GME

These collaborations underscore the orthopaedic community's commitment to nonconflicted, merit-based residency and fellowship funding.

Signers for the 4th annual US joint letter to industry

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Association for Hand Surgery
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons

American Orthopaedic Association
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine
American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
American Spinal Injury Association
Cervical Spine Research Society
Hip Society
Knee Society
Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society
Lumbar Spine Research Society
Musculoskeletal Infection Society
Musculoskeletal Tumor Society
North American Spine Society
Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association
Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation
Orthopaedic Research Society
Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America
Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society
Scoliosis Research Society
Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons

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Canadian Orthopaedic Association
Arthroscopy Association of Canada
Canadian Arthroplasty Society
Canadian Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society
Canadian Orthopaedic Oncology Society
Canadian Orthopaedic Trauma Society
Canadian Paediatric Orthopaedic Group
Canadian Shoulder & Elbow Society
Canadian Spine Society

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.

Go to
omegamedicalgrants.org
for more information.



10 years of GME support