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2025 AOA Research Grants Workshop: Essential Information

Thursday, November 14, 2024

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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Welcome

Thank you for joining this workshop. My name is Gloria Dillard, the Director of Research Grants. This workshop was organized to provide you with the tools and insights needed to successfully and easily complete an AOA research grant.

If you have any questions, please type them into the Q&A box instead of the chat box. I will do my best to answer all your questions. For the questions that I am unable to address during the workshop, I will email responses to everyone who has registered for this workshop.

Agenda

- Key Updates/Dates
- Research Focus Areas/Notice of Funding Opportunity (RFA/NOFO)
- Eligibility Criteria/Project Funding Period/Amount of Funding
- Applying for a Research Grant
- Review & Funded Applications Process
- Questions



Key Updates

- **Project Duration:** 24 months (extended from 18 months)
- **Student Project Duration:** 12 months
- **Project Start Date:** July 1st (revised from September 1st)
- **Broadened Focus Areas:** We have expanded our focus areas to support more projects.
- **Translational Research:** We are accepting translational research projects.
- **New Research Focus Area/Notice of Funding Opportunity (RFA/NOFO):** Osteopathic Distinctiveness

Key Dates

- The grant application process opened on **October 1, 2024**, and will close on **January 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CST.**
- There will be no extensions past the grant application process closing date of January 31, 2025.

1. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMM/OMT)
2. Acute/Chronic Pain Management
3. The Impact of the Osteopathic Approach on Chronic Disease
4. **NEW:** Osteopathic Distinctiveness
5. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Observational & Explorative Focused Hypotheses Research Studies
6. AOA/AOF New Investigator Research Grant Program
7. AOA Physicians-in-Training Grant Program Physicians-in-Training
8. AOA Osteopathic Medical Student Research Program

Eligibility Criteria/Term of Application/Amount of Funding

RFA/NOFOs

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Grant Period

24 months (Beginning July 1)

Funds Available

Awards provide up to \$100,000 in total costs.

Eligibility Criteria

- Osteopathic Physician (DO); or
- MD, PhD, or other individuals holding an equivalent doctoral degree (applicants not affiliated with an osteopathic institution must have a DO as key personnel on the Research Team).

Ineligible to apply:

- Medical students, residents, interns, and fellows (see information regarding Research Team).
- An investigator with an active AOA grant who is in the first year of his/her existing grant period.
- A previous or current AOA investigator who has failed to meet milestones, submit timely progress and financial reports, and has not published a manuscript on their funded AOA research project in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Investigators conducting research outside of the United States.
- Investigators conducting research on non-US populations.

NOTE:

1. An investigator can be a PI on only one application (RFA) per grant cycle but may serve as the Co-Investigator on multiple grant proposals.
2. An unsuccessful applicant can resubmit the same proposed project twice, for a total of three (3) submissions (original submission plus two resubmissions whether the submissions are identical or revised).

Eligibility Criteria/Term of Application/Amount of Funding

RFA/NOFOs

5. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Observational & Explorative Focused Hypotheses Research Studies

Grant Period

24 months (Beginning July 1)

Funds Available

Awards provide up to \$20,000 in total costs.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Osteopathic Physician (DO); or
2. MD, PhD, or other individuals holding an equivalent doctoral degree (A DO must be included as key personnel on the Research Team); or
3. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) instructors (hospital or non-hospital based), OMM departments (hospital and/or COM based), or Residents working with an OMM Instructor or department on a project which may support a program's ACGME Osteopathic Recognition. (ADO must be included as key personnel on the Research Team.)

Ineligible to apply:

- Medical students.
- An investigator with an active AOA grant who is in the first year of his/her existing grant period.
- A previous or current AOA investigator who has failed to meet milestones, submit timely progress and financial reports, and has not published a manuscript on their funded AOA research project in a peer-reviewed journal.
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Eligibility Criteria/Term of Application/Amount of Funding

Training Grant

RFA/NOFOs

6. AOA/AOF New Investigator Research Grant Program

Grant Period

24 months (Beginning July 1)

Funds Available

Awards provide up to \$50,000 in total costs.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Osteopathic Physician (DO); or
2. MD, PhD, or other individuals holding an equivalent doctoral degree (applicants not affiliated with an osteopathic institution must have a DO as key personnel on the Research Team)
3. Applicants must have completed their terminal research degree (e.g., PhD or equivalent doctoral degree) or post-graduate clinical training (e.g., residency, fellowship), whichever date is later, within the past 10 years of the expected award date.

Some applicants may have lapses in their research or research training or have experienced periods of less than full-time effort. AOA and AOF will consider requests to extend the timeframe restriction for reasons that can include medical concerns, disability, family care responsibilities, extended periods of clinical training, natural disasters, and active-duty military service. The AOA will determine this on a case-by-case basis at its sole discretion.

Ineligible to apply:

- Medical students, residents, interns, and fellows (see information regarding Research Team).
- Investigators conducting research outside of the United States.
- Investigators conducting research on non-US populations.
- A previous or current AOA investigator who has failed to meet milestones, submit timely progress and financial reports, and has not published a manuscript on their funded AOA research project in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Investigators who have previously competed successfully as a principal investigator (PI) for an AOA larger grant (i.e., \$100,000 to \$150,000 grant award)
- Investigators who have received an R01 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant or its equivalent as a PI.

NOTE:

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7. AOA Physicians-in-Training Grant Program

Grant Period

24 months (Beginning July 1)

Funds Available

Awards provide up to \$20,000 in total costs.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be a:
 - a. DO in a residency program at an ACGME accredited institution at the time of the award, or
 - b. MD in a residency program with osteopathic recognition at an ACGME accredited institution at the time of the award.
2. Applicant must have a Preceptor/Mentor that meets the following criteria:
 - a. Possess a DO in a residency program at an ACGME-accredited institution at the time of the award or an MD in a residency program with osteopathic recognition at an ACGME-accredited institution at the time of the award.
 - i. If not affiliated with an osteopathic institution or a residency program with osteopathic recognition, a DO must be on the research team as key personnel.
 - b. Possess a strong record as a researcher, an ongoing record of osteopathic research, recent publications in peer-reviewed journals, and a successful track record of securing research funding in the area of the proposed research topic.

Ineligible to apply:

- Medical students.
- Osteopathic Physician (DO) or Allopathic Physician (MD) who have completed their residency, internship, or fellowship requirements at an AOA or ACGME accredited institution by the time of the effective grant period.
- An investigator with an active AOA grant who is in the first year of his/her existing grant period.
- A previous or current AOA investigator who has failed to meet milestones, submit timely progress and financial reports, and has not published a manuscript on their funded AOA research project in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Investigators conducting research outside of the United States.
- Investigators conducting research on non-US populations.

NOTE:

1. An investigator can be a PI on only one application (RFA) per grant cycle but may serve as the Co-Investigator on multiple grant proposals.
2. An unsuccessful applicant can resubmit the same proposed project twice for a total of three (3) submissions (original submission plus two resubmissions, whether the submissions are identical or revised).

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8. AOA Osteopathic Medical Student Research Program

Grant Period

12 months (Beginning July 1)

Funds Available

Awards provide up to \$5,000 in total costs.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be an osteopathic medical student fulfilling his/her coursework requirements at an AOA accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine at the time of the award.
2. Applicant must have a Preceptor/Mentor who meets the following criteria:
 - a. Possess a DO, MD, or equivalent doctoral degree and be affiliated with an osteopathic institution.
 - i. If not affiliated with an osteopathic institution, there must be a DO on the research team as key personnel.
 - b. Possess a strong record as a researcher, an ongoing record of osteopathic research, recent publications in peer-reviewed journals, and a successful track record of securing research funding in the area of the proposed research topic.

Ineligible to apply:

- DO or MD
- Resident, Intern, or Fellow
- An investigator with an active AOA grant.
- A previous or current AOA investigator who has failed to meet milestones, submit timely progress and financial reports and has not published a manuscript on their funded AOA research project in a peer-reviewed journal.
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NOTE:

1. An investigator can be a PI on only one application (RFA) per grant cycle but may serve as the Co-Investigator on multiple grant proposals.
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Special Notes to Consider

1. When you review the RFA/NOFOs project requirements, pay particular attention to the wording “**Not Limited to.**” We specifically placed this wording in the RFA/NOFO for your convenience. We provide examples of what studies can be conducted, but by no means does this limit you to those studies; it should assist you in determining if your study meets the overarching project requirements.
2. We have provided the grant review criteria for all RFA/NOFOs to assist you in preparing and submitting a research project that meets the highest standards. This document outlines each category grant reviewers will evaluate, score, and comment on. It will help you identify areas that need improvement, ultimately increasing your chances of success.



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Notes to Consider When Completing Your Grant Application



Budget

The AOA does not fund:

1. Physical plant renovations or improvements.
2. Professional development activities, including dues for professional society memberships, tuition for continuing education activities, and tuition for continuing medical education activities.
3. Indirect costs to the applicant's institution or any other participating institutions.
4. Development and/or engineering of equipment.
5. Provider payments for treatment.
6. Medical Education Programs & Conferences

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Observational & Explorative Focused Hypotheses Research Studies

The AOA will fund:

- Participant Recruitment
- STATISTICIAN: The award may be used for salary support of an institutional staff statistician or a statistician consultant working directly on the project.
- Equipment (Not to exceed 10% of the grant award)

The AOA will not fund:

1. Salary Support – Investigators and Technicians
2. Expendable Supplies
 - Items with a use/lifetime of less than one (1) year are considered expendable supplies. Examples include, but not limited to, animals, chemicals and drugs, radioisotopes, and other expendables.
3. Travel Expenses



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- **Budget Justification**
- **Milestones**



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- **Review Process**
- **Funded Applications Process**

Questions



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Go to <https://osteopathic.org/life-career/osteopathic-research/research-funding-opportunities/> to access the RFA/NOFOs, instructions, grant review criteria, and the grant apply page.