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Re: OPERF 2010 Award Program

The Orthotics and Prosthetics Education and Research Foundation (OPERF) is now soliciting applications for the 2010 OPERF Award Program. The Award Program is designed to encourage and stimulate research at all levels in the O&P profession. Thanks to generous donations, more than \$30,000 in awards is being offered in 2010. Awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 are now available in the following categories:

2010 OPERF Resident Travel Awards

The OPERF Resident Travel Award Program is designed to support prosthetics and orthotics residents travel to the 2011 American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP) National Meeting so that they may present their NCOPE (National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education) required Resident Directed Study Report. \$1,000 Travel Awards will be given to meritorious O&P residents seeking to share the results of their Directed Study at the National Meeting. Up to two Resident Travel Awards will be offered in 2010.

2010 OPERF Fellowship Awards

The OPERF Fellowship Program is designed to support quality graduate education research related to the orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) profession. \$5,000 Fellowship Awards will be given to meritorious and qualified students to support their graduate research. Up to two Fellowship Awards will be offered in 2010.

2010 OPERF Small Grant Award

The OPERF Small Grant Program is designed to support quality investigator-initiated research related to the orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) profession. Small grant funding of up to \$25,000 will be made available to support qualified and capable investigators conduct novel and clinically-relevant O&P research. One Small Grant Award will be offered in 2010.

These awards are made available through the generous donations of O&P professionals, business owners, manufacturers, and organizations. This support demonstrates the commitment of the O&P profession to encourage, promote, and support O&P research. O&P residents, graduate students, and investigators are encouraged to apply.

Details regarding the OPERF Award Program, specific award descriptions, submission instructions, deadlines, and application forms may be found on the OPERF website at www.OPERF.org.

OPERF Research and Education Awards are made available through generous donations from individuals, companies, and organizations. If you would like to support research and education in O&P through a donation to OPERF, you may do so by making out a check to OPERF and mailing it to:

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