

## Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and Research Foundation (OPERF) Request for Applications (RFA)

The Orthotics and Prosthetics Education and Research Foundation (OPERF) is pleased to announce the 2009 OPERF Award Program. The Award Program provides funding to support clinically-relevant research in orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) through a three-tier system that includes Resident Travel Awards, Fellowship Awards and Small Grant Awards.

### **2009 OPERF Resident Travel Awards**

The OPERF Resident Travel Award Program is designed to support prosthetics and orthotics residents travel to the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP) national meeting so that they may present their NCOPE (National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education) required residency research (i.e., Directed Study) project. \$1000 Travel Awards will be given to selected O&P residents seeking to share their results of their directed study at the National Meeting. Two Resident Travel Awards will be offered in 2009.

This is a solicitation for open submissions to the Award Program. O&P Residents, graduate students, and investigators are encouraged to apply for awards by the deadlines posted. Applications will be assessed based on relevance of the research topic, scientific merit of the research design, and appropriateness of the personnel and environment.

Additional details regarding the OPERF Award Program, specific award descriptions, submission instructions, deadlines, and submission forms may be found on the OPERF website at [www.OPERF.org](http://www.OPERF.org). Additional questions or inquires should be directed to:

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### *Requirements:*

- The resident must be currently involved in or have completed an NCOPE accredited residency within the last 12-months.
- The project must be relevant to the orthotics and prosthetics profession.
- The submission must include the following components:
  - Application cover page (available on the OPERF website)
  - Abstract (1-page maximum)
    - The abstract should describe the resident's research project.
    - The abstract should be typed, 12-point font, 1" borders, and single-spaced.
    - The abstract should be formatted according to the conventional format of introduction, methods, results, discussion, conclusion (optional), and references
    - Figures may be included in an appendix to the 1-page abstract.
  - Biosketch for the resident and residency advisor (1-page maximum, each)

### *Award specifics:*

- Award recipients must attend the AAOP National Meeting and present their residency research (i.e., Directed Study) results.
- OPERF will forward award recipient abstracts to the Academy for inclusion in the National Meeting proceedings.
- Award funds will be paid directly to the award recipient.
- Award funds are to be used for travel, lodging, and/or food (as needed) by the recipient.
- Complimentary meeting registration will be provided to award recipients.

### *Key dates and deadlines:*

- Abstracts due May 15, 2009
  - Please address abstracts to Brian J. Hafner, PhD, Research Committee Chair, OPERF at [brian.hafner@OPERF.org](mailto:brian.hafner@OPERF.org).
- Award notification by June 29, 2009