Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF)
Funding Opportunities
Deadline: September 14, 2012


OREF/ASES/Rockwood Clinical Research Grant in Shoulder Care
Members of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons (ASES) are invited to apply for a clinical research grant in the field of shoulder care. PhDs and DVMs are eligible to apply if affiliated with an orthopaedic department and working with an orthopaedic surgeon who is the principal or co-principal investigator. This grant is available through a generous contribution from the family of Charles A. Rockwood Jr., MD through an endowment fund established by the family to support this program. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract under specific aims, and be obvious from the title and the study design. A peer review committee, which will include representatives from OREF and ASES, will select the grant recipient. One grant of $50,000 for one year will be awarded for Project Year 2013.

OREF Career Development Grant
These grants encourage a commitment to clinically relevant scientific research in orthopaedic surgery. Candidates must have completed a residency in orthopaedic surgery and demonstrated a sustained interest in research and excellence in clinical training. Letters of support must offer evidence of the candidate’s potential to develop as an investigator. One grant of up to $225,000 over three years subject to annual review is offered for Project Year 2013.

OREF/Goldberg Research Grant in Arthritis
New orthopaedic investigators are invited to apply for a research grant in the field of arthritis. The principal or co-principal investigator must be an orthopaedic surgeon. PhDs and DVMs are eligible to apply if affiliated with an orthopaedic department and working with an orthopaedic surgeon who is the principal or co-principal investigator. This grant is available through a generous contribution from Victor M. Goldberg, MD through an endowment fund established to support this program. Applications for projects of a clinical or basic science nature will be accepted. One grant of $50,000 for one year is available for Project Year 2013.

OREF/MSTS Clinical Research Grant in Orthopaedic Oncology
This grant is offered to encourage new and established investigators in clinical orthopaedic oncology by providing start-up funding or seed money for research projects that improve clinical outcomes for patients. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract and specific aims, and be obvious from the title and study design. Projects should be prospective, multi-institutional if necessary to meet accrual goals and, if so, open to institutions of MSTS members. The principal or co-principal investigator must be a member in good standing of MSTS and working at an institution in the U.S. or Canada. PhDs are eligible if affiliated with an orthopaedic department. One grant up to $100,000 over a one-to-two-year study period (conditional on annual review for two-year studies) is available for Project Year 2013.

OREF/Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation Research Grant
This grant provides seed money and start-up funding for a new investigator doing research in the topic areas of stem cells and orthopaedic allograft research. One grant totaling up to $100,000 for a maximum time period of two years is available, conditional upon annual review, thanks to generous support from the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract and specific aims, and be explicit in both the project title and the study design. The principal investigator or the co-principal investigator must be an orthopaedic surgeon. PhDs and DVMs are eligible if they are affiliated with an orthopaedic department and working with an orthopaedic surgeon who is the principal investigator or co-principal investigator. Funds may not be used for salary. Applications for projects of a clinical or basic science nature will be accepted.

OREF Prospective Clinical Research Grant
This grant provides funding for a promising prospective clinical research project in an area of high clinical importance in orthopaedic surgery. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract and specific aims,
and be obvious from the title and study design. The principal or co-principal investigator must be an orthopaedic surgeon. PhDs and DVMs are eligible to apply if affiliated with an orthopaedic department. An orthopaedic resident or fellow may apply with documentation that he or she will be in a staff position at the time the grant commences. One $150,000 grant of $50,000 per year for three years conditional upon annual review is available for Project Year 2013.

OREF/Zimmer Young Investigator Grant in Total Joint and Trauma Surgery

*Six grants for 2013 have been made possible through support provided by Zimmer Holdings, Inc.*

This one-year grant provides up to $50,000 to advance the training of the next generation of orthopaedists who have a clinical or scientific interest in total joint surgery and/or trauma treatment. Orthopaedic surgeons in approved orthopaedic residency and fellowship programs, or having completed formal training within the last four (4) years* may apply by submitting a proposal for an individual plan for further research investigation. Six grants will be given for Project Year 2013, two of which are reserved for members of JRGOS and/or RJOS. Minority and female orthopaedic surgeons are encouraged to apply. *This requirement is flexible if a sabbatical or leave of absence was taken during the candidate’s early career and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.*

OREF Young Investigator Grant

This one-year grant provides up to $50,000 to advance the scientific training of the next generation of orthopaedists. Orthopaedic surgeons in approved orthopaedic residency and fellowship programs, or having completed formal training within the last four years* may apply by submitting a proposal for an individual plan for further research investigation. Two grants will be given for Project Year 2013. *This requirement is flexible if a sabbatical or leave of absence was taken during the candidate’s early career and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.*

OREF Resident Clinician Scientist Training Grant

The objective of the Resident Clinician Scientist Training Grant is to prepare residents for a career with research as a major component. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract and specific aims sections, and be obvious from the title and study design. Grants of up to $20,000 to cover research expenses, but not salary for one year will be considered for orthopaedic surgery residents or fellows completing an orthopaedic fellowship in accredited orthopaedic programs. Within the one-year grant period, the grantee is required to have a minimum of three months dedicated research time, with six months preferred. The grantee’s time commitment must be consistent with the grantee’s role on the project, and must be justified. The work should clearly be achievable by the grantee as a free-standing project even when it is a part of a larger work, and it should potentially lead to publication with the grantee as an author. Both laboratory and clinical projects (e.g., outcome studies) are suitable, but in either case clinical relevance must be explicitly and clearly described.

OREF/DePuy Resident Research Project Grant

OREF invites submissions for grants of $5,000 each intended for orthopaedic residents who are working with a mentor to develop research interests. Clinical relevance must be clearly noted in the abstract and specific aims sections of the application, and be obvious from the title and study design. Both laboratory and clinical projects are suitable. Funding may be applied to research expenses, but not salary or travel. With support provided by DePuy, several one-year grants are available for Project Year 2013.

AAHKS/OREF Research Grant in Adult Reconstruction

This grant provides seed money and start-up funding for a new investigator doing clinically relevant research in the topic area of adult reconstruction. One grant totaling $40,000 for one year is available for Project Year 2013. The principal investigator or the co-principal investigator must be an orthopaedic surgeon and a member of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. PhDs and DVMs are eligible if they are affiliated with an orthopaedic department and working with an orthopaedic surgeon who is the principal investigator or co-principal investigator. Funds may not be used for salary. Applications for projects of a clinical or basic science nature will be accepted.