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UPCOMING EVENTS

39th ANNUAL MEETING
August 5-8, 2014
Bacara Resort & Spa
Santa Barbara, CA

40th ANNUAL MEETING
August 4-7, 2015
Telluride Conference Center &
Hotel Madeline
Telluride, CO

April 7, 2014

SUBJECT: AAED Research Grant Opportunity

To Whom It May Concern:

It gives us great pleasure to inform you of the availability of a grant sponsored by the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, the **AAED Grant for Research in Esthetic Dentistry**. The Academy is the premier organization in this field whose hallmark through the years has been the advancement of clinical excellence in esthetic dentistry. Although complete information regarding the grant is enclosed, please allow me to briefly describe some of the details.

The AAED Grant for Research in Esthetic Dentistry was established in 1993, with the primary purpose of promoting meaningful research in esthetic dentistry through the funding of one grant awarded annually in the maximum amount of \$5,000. Those eligible include graduate students or non-tenured faculty at the instructor or assistant professor levels at accredited dental schools. The focus of the research must be within the scope of esthetic dentistry, but can be from virtually any academic discipline (e.g., restorative dentistry, periodontics, endodontics, orthodontics, oral surgery, etc.). The AAED Research Committee is responsible for selecting the grantee through a peer review process. *The deadline for submission of a proposal for this year's award is June 6, 2014.*

Following completion of the research, the grantee may be the guest of the Academy at the 2015 Annual Meeting for a poster presentation of the results. This means that the research must be completed within one year so that the results can be presented to the AAED membership as a poster presentation. The grantee will also be given the opportunity to submit for publication his/her results in the Academy's official publication, the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry*.

Please share this information with students and faculty in your school whom you believe may be qualified and interested in this grant opportunity. Feel free to duplicate any of the enclosed information or request additional copies from the AAED Headquarters.

The American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry is very excited about this research program, and we look forward to receiving grant submissions from your institution.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Swift, DMD, MS
Chair, AAED Research & Education Committee

The Mission of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry is to promote the integration of dental esthetics into the total spectrum of oral health care and provide a leadership role for the profession by defining the highest interdisciplinary clinical, scientific, artistic and ethical standards through research, publications and educational presentations.



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GRANT FOR RESEARCH IN ESTHETIC DENTISTRY

Application Form

2014

General Information

Submit completed application form **no later than Friday, June 6, 2014** to:

AAED Research Grant
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
303 W. Madison Street, Suite 2650
Chicago, IL 60606

For Additional Information Contact:

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Purpose: To promote meaningful research in esthetic dentistry through the funding of one grant awarded annually in the maximum amount of \$5,000.

Eligibility: Graduate students or young untenured faculty at the instructor or assistant professor levels at accredited dental schools are eligible for the award. Only one award per grantee can be received (no repeat awards will be given to a previous recipient).

Scope of Research: The focus of the research must be within the scope of esthetic dentistry. The Research Committee of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry has the right and responsibility of verifying the appropriateness of the proposed research.

Application Process: The applicant must submit an application to the AAED office no later than June 6, 2014. Applications will be judged by the members of the Research Committee based on perceived merit, feasibility, and relevance to esthetic dentistry. The grantee will be notified in writing no later than late August, 2014 and an announcement will be made at the 2014 AAED Annual meeting, which is also in August. This schedule will allow approximately two months for the review and selection process to occur. Funding for the grant is provided through the AAED.

The applicant is required to submit a research proposal including a statement of purpose and an abstract of the proposal, along with the following sections: *Introduction, Materials and Methods* (including the proposed statistical analyses to be employed), *References, Research Timetable* and *Budget*. The grant proposal should not exceed 2,000 total words in length.

Budget Information: The budget must be for direct costs of conducting the research only (indirect costs not funded) with no salary support included for the applicant or other support staff. The detailed budget must be itemized and cannot exceed \$5,000. Adequate justification must accompany the budget. No travel or publication expenses are to be included in the budget (travel expense to the 2015 AAED Annual Meeting may be provided, as detailed).

Grantee's Obligation: In return for having been awarded an AAED Research Grant, the grantee must agree, upon request, to present his/her results as a poster presentation at the next AAED annual meeting (one year following awarding the grant). This means that the research must essentially be conducted and completed within one calendar year (August to August) so that the results presented will be timely and relevant to the AAED membership. Results also may be presented at AADR/IADR consistent with their guidelines and regulations for poster presentations. However, proper acknowledgment of the support provided from the AAED Research Grant must accompany the presentation.

If requested to present a poster at the 2015 annual meeting of the AAED, the AAED will cover travel expenses for presentation of the research results. These expenses may include round-trip coach airfare, registration fees, and three nights lodging. All original receipts must be retained for submission to the AAED Office in Chicago, Illinois for reimbursement. Information on the 2015 meeting will be provided to the successful candidate.

Following presentation of the results, any manuscript generated from this research first must be submitted to the official journal of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry* (JERD), to be considered for publication. No assurances are given that the paper will be accepted; however, JERD must be afforded the "first right of refusal." If the paper is not selected for publication in JERD, the author is free to submit it to the journal of his/her choice for publication. In any case, proper acknowledgment of the support provided from the AAED Research Grant must accompany the paper.

Review Guidelines: Each application will be reviewed by members of the Research Committee (or approved *ad hoc* reviewers, depending on subject) and will be judged and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Relevance to esthetic dentistry. | 10 points |
| 2. Originality and vision of the proposed study. | 10 points |
| 3. Clarity and appropriateness of the stated hypothesis. | 10 points |
| 4. Perceived feasibility of the objectives. | 10 points |
| 5. Quality of literature review and introduction. | 10 points |
| 6. Appropriateness of proposed materials and methods. | 10 points |
| 7. Appropriateness of the budget requested. | 10 points |
| 8. Feasibility of the proposed timetable. | 10 points |
| 9. Adequacy of equipment and facilities. | 10 points |
| 10. Potential for generating new information or concepts. | <u>10 points</u> |
| Total Possible Score: | 100 points |

Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts of interest. Members of the Research Committee will not be allowed to vote on applications submitted by faculty or graduate students from his/her institution (employee or graduate thereof).

Regarding confidentiality, all materials distributed to the Research Committee members (or *ad hoc* reviewers) will be held in strictest confidence. Moreover, all deliberations, comments, recommendations, or results of the selection process will be held in confidence by the reviewers until the official announcement (at the 2014 AAED Annual Meeting) has been made and the grantee has been notified.

