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### **AOPA Pilot Research Grants – Deadline April 28<sup>th</sup>**

The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association, in partnership with the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence-Based Practice (COPL), is proud to announce a Request for Pilot Grant Proposals in 16 potential areas of orthotic and prosthetic research including an open topic.

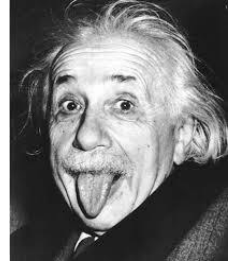
There are 16 topics total with a few examples listed below:

- Study community outcomes of patients, such as activity, social interactions, depression and anxiety
- Understand the effects of prosthetic component selection on community activity levels rather than in the lab
- Study the origins/clinical goals and prevalence of prosthesis prescribing patterns
- Link biomechanical performance measures to functional levels
- Open Topics - Beyond the Above Priorities, Top Quality Clinical O&P Research Topics Considered
- [See the rest of the topics in the full RFP.](#)

AOPA and COPL will give preference to grants that address evidence-based clinical application in orthotics and prosthetics. Please post this RFP and share it with your colleagues. *The deadline for proposals is April 28, 2017.* [Read the full eligibility and application process.](#)

## Nominate an O&P Inventor or Innovator

AOPA is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2017 and we are pulling out all stops during the September 6-9 World Congress, where we will showcase significant milestones of the Association and Profession through our "Walk Through Time" historical display, as well as awards to honor those who have made a significant contribution to patient care through the invention of a device or technique.



Your opinion matters and we encourage the profession to nominate an inventor or innovator through our easy nomination process. **The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2017.**

[Nominate an inventor or innovator now.](#)

## O&P PAC Corner

The O&P PAC Corner provides information on the activities of the O&P PAC, including the names of individuals who have made recent donations to the O&P PAC and the names of candidates the O&P PAC has recently supported. The O&P PAC recently received donations from the following **AOPA** member(s)\*:

- J. Martin Carlson, CPO
- Jim Kingsley, COO

The purpose of the O&P PAC is to advocate for legislative or political interests at the federal level, which have an impact on the orthotic and prosthetic community. The O&P PAC achieves this goal by working closely with members of the House, Senate and other officials running for office to educate them about the issues, and help elect those individuals who support the orthotic and prosthetic community.

To participate in, support and receive additional information about the O&P PAC, federal law mandates that eligible individuals must first [sign an authorization form](#), or contact Devon Bernard at [dbernard@AOPAnet.org](mailto:dbernard@AOPAnet.org).

\*Due to publishing deadlines this list was created on 04/18/2017 and includes only donations/contributions made/ received between 04/01/2017 and 04/18/2017. Any donations/contributions made/ received on/or after 04/18/2017 will be published in the next issue of the *SmartBrief*.

## Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Deadline May 15 for NUPOC Students

The OPAF Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications from Northwestern University students currently enrolled in the O & P master's degree program. The \$1,000.00 scholarship is intended to assist NUPOC students attend their local chapter or society meeting of the Academy. More information is located on the OPAF website at: <http://www.opafonline.org/programs/scholarship.htm>.

Scholarship applications are due by May 15.

This scholarship program is currently open to all full-time master's program candidates enrolled in Northwestern University's Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NUPOC). The chief purpose of the

scholarship is to encourage student participation in their local annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP). It is expected that the award will be used specifically to defray meeting registration fees of their local AAOP meeting and assist in the purchasing of books, supplies, and equipment needed for ongoing studies at NUPOC. In November 2001, a memorial fund was established at OPAF in the name of Dale Yasukawa CP. In cooperation with Linda Yasukawa, PT, MS, OPAF has created a scholarship program connected to Dale's memorial fund.

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### Register Now for the AOPA 2017 Policy Forum

Registration is now open for the 2017 AOPA Policy Forum! The Policy Forum will take place May 24-25 in Washington, DC. The Policy Forum is your best opportunity to learn the latest legislative and regulatory details and how they will affect you, your business and your patients. Once you are armed with the facts, we as a profession will educate our members of Congress to offer common sense solutions and share how the O&P profession restores lives and puts people back to work. [Learn More and Register Now.](#)



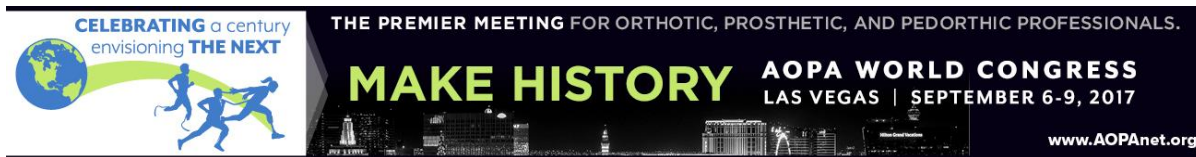
### Check out AOPA's Commemorative Centennial Website!

We are pleased to present our new website commemorating our 100 year anniversary – [www.AOPA100.org](http://www.AOPA100.org). The website features AOPA's history, an interactive timeline, photo gallery, O&P stories from AOPA members, and AOPA's plans for the future. Listen to stories from other AOPA members and submit your own, and share photos for our photo gallery.



Don't forget to follow AOPA on social media for Throwback Thursday posts all year long!  
#aopa100!

## Exhibit at the 2017 AOPA O&P World Congress in Las Vegas



AOPA is currently accepting exhibit applications for the 2017 AOPA O&P World Congress, which is to be held September 6-9, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada in conjunction with AOPA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Now is your chance to sign up and showcase your products at the largest O&P tradeshow in the Western Hemisphere. This world-wide convention opportunity features 4 days of high-level networking, exhibits, the latest techniques in O&P treatment, and the finest industry specific business and clinical training programs. We hope you make plans to join us. The first Congress was a great learning experience for all and with your participation we can create a larger and even more successful event.

### Why you should attend:

- Research and Development expenditures in the United States are more than \$95 billion, making the United States the leader in medical innovation and creating the ideal location for a unique gathering of high visibility and importance.
- Superior Clinical Education featuring the best speakers from around the world. Hear from physicians, researchers and top-notch practitioners.
- Practical Learning and live demonstrations
- Learn how U.S. Health Care reform continues to influence patient care and global health policy.
- Networking with an elite and influential group of professionals.
- Largest Display of exhibits in the United States for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic profession.
- Ideal U.S. Location chosen for travel ease and popularity.

### Exhibiting at this important global event will give you the opportunity to:

- Build your customer base and increase sales;
- Experience face-to-face time with existing customers to answer questions and build relationships;
- Enjoy sponsored networking opportunities, including an opening reception in the exhibit hall;
- Take advantage of fun traffic building opportunities;
- Increase visibility for your company/organization in a targeted market;
- Host a Manufacturers Workshop and/or Product Preview Theater;
- Take advantage of education sessions to learn what's happening with health care reform, Medicare, and other regulatory agencies that affect your bottom line;
- Speak to AOPA coding experts to learn what's happening with U.S. government sponsored healthcare programs and what you need to do to sell your products in the U.S.

[Sign up today to exhibit at the 2017 AOPA O&P World Congress.](#) Contact Kelly O'Neill with any questions at [koneill@AOPAnet.org](mailto:koneill@AOPAnet.org) or call (571) 431-0852.

## Upcoming AOPA Events

- May 10, 2017      *Modifiers: What do They Mean and When to Use Them*  
AOPA Webinar  
[Learn more and register here](#)
- May 24-25, 2017      AOPA Policy Forum  
Washington, DC  
[Learn more and register here](#)
- July 17-18, 2017      *Coding & Billing Seminar*  
Pittsburgh, PA  
[Learn more and register here](#)