

## **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE AOTRAUMA EUROPE RESEARCH MINI GRANTS**

1. The AOTrauma Europe (AOTEU) Research Grants is funded by the AOTEU, which is a part of the AO Foundation—a Swiss non-profit organization. The Research Grants has an independent review body and supports projects dealing with trauma, surgery of the locomotor system, and related basic and clinical research. Its mission is to provide projects with seed money and not to be a source of ongoing funding for established laboratories.
2. The application must be submitted in English on the form provided. It should not exceed ten pages, including enclosures. This allows adequate evaluation regarding relevance, quality and cost of the project. The application should also include an abstract (maximum 2,500 characters, to be mailed to the AOTEU office).
3. The deadline for Research Grant applications is **February 29, 2016**. Decisions will be communicated within two months following the submission deadline.
4. A funding up to CHF 8,000 will be given. It is the responsibility of the successful applicant(s) to submit a final report to AOTEU as record. Projects running for longer than a year, require an annual report.
5. Policy dictates that salaries for the principal investigators are not supported and no overhead contributions are made to the submitting organization. Additional funding from other AO institutions or other sources must be disclosed.
6. DPS implants or instruments included in the research project have to be specified and priced separately. For administrative reasons, they must be purchased from the local DPS distributor. When ordering, reference to the accepted AOTEU Research Project should be made.
7. Support can only be granted if the conditions on the last page are fully accepted and the contract is signed.
8. The financial support of AOTEU MUST be mentioned in a footnote in abstracts and publications, for all publications and presentations regarding the granted project in the following manner:  
*"This project (no. ...) was fully/partially supported by AOTrauma Europe of the AO Foundation."*
9. Authors shall indicate AOTrauma's financial support in an appropriate manner in any oral presentation, publication, paper and/or further communication. In addition, authors shall make sure that its membership or the potential membership of any author(s) of any publication, paper or other communication in the AOTrauma network is indicated, near and in connection with the author's name, on the front page or at the very beginning of the publication, paper or other communication. The financial support of AOTrauma shall be mentioned in abstracts and publications on the first page (after author's name, before the article) as followed: "Investigation performed with the assistance of the AOTrauma network".

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