DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:
January 17

The Foundation for Endodontics/Dentsply Sirona Innovation/Start-up in Research Grant is a $50,000 grant given annually to one or more universities that are selected by a special committee. The committee reserves the right to decide on the number of grants based on the quality of the applications received. The committee is composed of representatives from Dentsply Sirona and Trustees from the Foundation. Winners will be chosen based on their future goals for developing a new research initiative at their institution or to provide help in starting research for new faculty. The intent is to highlight and promote excellence at multiple institutions and to support start-up research efforts for new faculty members and established research programs looking for a new direction in their research. The funds will be given to the endodontic department and the department will be free to use the money to enhance the scientific strength of the proposed research program, within the parameters that are outlined in this document and the objectives stated in the applicant’s proposal.

DENTSPLY and the Foundation will offer this funding until 2018.

Goals
- Foster innovation and new research directions in endodontic research being conducted in North America.
- Provide funding to support an institution’s vision for developing an innovative or new research initiative.
- Provide funds for new faculty (less than 2 years as a full-time faculty member) to start their research career.

How to Apply
The deadline for applications is January 17. Winners will be recognized at the AAE’s annual meeting.

The guidelines for submitting a proposal are outlined below. This document, including the proposal cover sheet can be downloaded from the Foundation’s website. Applicants may be asked to come to AAE Headquarters in Chicago for an interview. The committee may also request that a committee representative make a site visit to the applicant’s institution.

How to prepare a proposal
Proposals must be submitted on a CD in Microsoft Word format. Letters of recommendation and academic credentials may be submitted as PDFs. Project budgets, where applicable, should be submitted as Excel worksheets. The following items must be included:
1. Proposal cover sheet describing the new research direction.
2. Two letters of support. These letters must be from the dean of the dental school and the head of the endodontic department.
3. An itemized budget and budget justification for the needs of the new research direction or new faculty member, where applicable. If the applicant is receiving funds from other sources, those sources should be identified.

4. CV for each member of the project team.

5. A proposal of not more than five pages covering the following topics in the order they appear below.
   a. The purpose of the request.
   b. The specific goals and objectives for the applicant’s overall new research program.
   c. An explanation of how this request relates to the individual’s or department’s overall research goals and how the funding will be used to support the institution’s ability to conduct quality, innovative endodontic research.
   d. A description of what the program/new faulty member has accomplished in the area of endodontic research, what they wish to achieve and the impact they hope to make.
   e. A description of core competencies and challenges to the research initiative and how those challenges will be addressed.
   f. An overview of the department’s capacity to conduct research in terms of staff and facilities and an explanation of the need for additional resources.
   g. A discussion of staff roles in the research initiatives and their qualifications.
   h. The timeline and implementation plan to accomplish the stated research goals.
   i. Other experience or background information that demonstrates that the applicant has the ability to meet the stated goals and objectives.
   j. An explanation of how the success of the research program will be evaluated, measured and reported by published abstracts, manuscripts and or presentation of data at national/international meetings.
   k. If applicable, relevant statistics and analysis.

To ensure consideration, each of these topics must be addressed.

Requirements:

The grant is limited to endodontic departments or faculty at schools that are accredited by or have a reciprocal agreement with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. The recipient must submit a progress report within one year of receiving the funds and a report on completion of the project. If these dates coincide a second report is not necessary.
Applicant’s name: __________________________________________
(The applicant should be the endodontic chair or advanced program director)

AAE Membership Number: _______________________________________

Applicant’s Academic Title: _______________________________________

Institution: _____________________________________________________

Department Address: _____________________________________________

Phone: ______________ Fax: ______________ Email: _________________

Other key members contributing to proposal:
Name(s) and Academic Title(s)
_____________________________________________________________
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Please provide CV for each

Timeline:

Vision Description (one paragraph):
Other financial assistance you are receiving or will receive in support of this proposal:

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IRB and IACUCA approval if relevant