

# DR. WILLIAM R. PROFFIT RESIDENT SCHOLAR AWARD

PROGRAM DATE:  
APRIL 24, 2021

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

**Boston, Massachusetts | April 23-27, 2021**

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center | 415 Summer St. | Boston, MA 02210  
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### Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award

The Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award program was established by the **American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)** in 2004. The Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award offers an opportunity to graduate students/residents to present clinical research and basic science research using narrative material and a posterboard at the 2021 AAO Annual Session in Boston, MA.

### Eligibility

The Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award is open to AAO student members or AAO international student members who are currently a graduate student/resident pursuing a Certificate or Master's degree in orthodontics (research must be completed during an orthodontic residency).

The first forty submissions will be selected to participate in the program. US and Canadian applicants must be enrolled in or have graduated from an ADA or CDA accredited program. Up to 5 international graduate students/residents will be allowed to participate in the program if their application is within the first 40 received.

Only AAO student members or AAO international student members can submit an application for the Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award program. Applicants must be AAO student members or international student members on February 1, 2021, the deadline for submissions. The finalists will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each Orthodontic Program Chair is to select only one graduate student/resident to compete in the program. Only one submission per institution will be accepted.

Graduate students/residents who participate in the Dr. William R. Proffit Award program are eligible to submit their research in the form of a publishable manuscript the following year, but not the same year, for the **Milo Hellman Research Award**, the **Harry Sicher Research Award** and the **Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit**.

### Payment and Awards

Each participant will be issued one complimentary ticket for the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Luncheon and will receive a payment of \$750 during the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Luncheon on April 25, 2021.

The \$750 payment represents a \$500 honorarium and a \$50 day allowance for meals and miscellaneous expenses incurred while attending the AAO Annual Session. Participants are not required to submit travel expense receipts to the AAO for this payment.

Awards will be presented in each of two categories: clinical research and basic science research. Clinical research includes any healthcare science that determines the safety and/or effectiveness (efficacy) of medications, devices, diagnostic products and treatment regimens intended for human use.

- Could include human subjects or material testing
- May involve patient participants or virtual lab models
- Material testing
- Educational/behavioral research

Best Science research includes any one of the sciences (such as, but not limited to, anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, pathology, physics, or biochemistry) fundamental to the study of health.

- Involving basic biologic, chemical, molecular processes
- Often includes experimentation at the tissues, cellular and/or molecular levels.
- Could include human or animal models along with the above.

The award winners will be announced at the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Luncheon, Award amounts are as follows:

**Clinical Research -- First Place Award \$1,000**

**Basic Science Research -- First Place Award \$1,000**

**Clinical Research -- Second Place Award \$750**

**Basic Science Research -- Second Place Award \$750**

**Clinical Research -- Third Place Award \$500**

**Basic Science Research -- Third Place Award \$500**

At the discretion of the judges, two additional awards for either basic science or clinical research can be awarded. These awards will be \$500 each. The Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award is an award which is a direct reimbursement for travel and lodging expenses not to exceed the amount of the award. Award winners will need to submit a completed AAO expense form along with receipts for lodging and travel expenses.

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### How to Apply

1. Only online submissions are accepted. Complete and submit the application and abstract form available at [www.aaoinfo.org](http://www.aaoinfo.org) (Click on the **Meetings** tab > **Annual Session 2021 Boston, MA** . An application received without an abstract will not be considered.
2. Abstracts should contain the appropriate information under the following subheadings: background, purpose, research design, results and conclusions.

*Note: Research should be original and hypothesis-driven. Conclusions must be complete and not pending at the time of application.*

3. Applications and abstracts will not be accepted after **Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00pm EST.**
4. The only change allowed to an application after the deadline is for the application to be withdrawn.
5. Applications will be reviewed by a member of the Council on Scientific Affairs for correct category placement.
6. Applicants will receive an e-mail notice of acceptance by February 10, 2021. Please provide an e-mail address that will be valid after February 10, 2021 so you will receive this notification.

### Place and Time

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

**Boston Convention and Exhibition Center**

### Set Up

**8:00am - 8:45am**

### Judging (Required Attendance)

**8:45am - 12:30pm**

A team of orthodontists will judge each presentation to select the award recipients. The presentation will be judged on originality, relevance, research design validity, results/conclusions and overall presentation (how the resident presents the research to the judges).

All participants will be allowed a maximum of 10 minutes with the judging team. Please rehearse your presentation and ensure that it is 10 MINUTES OR LESS to allow for questions.

No computer presentations are allowed for this program.

### Display (Required Attendance)

**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

### Tear Down

**2:00pm - 2:30pm**

The AAO is not responsible for items left in the exhibit area after 2:30pm Saturday, April 24.

### Luncheon (Required Attendance)

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**12:00pm - 2:15pm**

### Provided Equipment at Event

1. The AAO provides a 48" high x 96" wide (123cm x 246cm) tack board (corkboard) with tacks at no charge.
2. A sign with the University name is provided.
3. One stool is provided.

### Rules and Regulations

1. Only AAO student members or AAO international student members can submit an application for the Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award program. Applicants must be AAO student members or international student members on February 1, 2021, the deadline for submissions.
2. Disclosure of Financial and/or Beneficial interest is an electronically signed statement included with the online application form indicating whether or not the presenter or the presenter's family has a financial and/or beneficial interest in the product or service related to the presentation.  
*Note: The disclosure statement must be completed or the application will not be accepted.*
3. Disclosure of Visual Enhancement is an electronically signed statement included with the online application form indicating whether or not the presenter uses enhanced, modified, or altered visuals in their presentation.  
*Note: The disclosure statement must be completed or the application will not be accepted.*

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### Rules and Regulations (Contd.)

4. Authorship and Assignment of Rights is an electronically signed statement included with the online application form indicating whether or not the main author has published any part of the abstract and that the main author will assign rights to the abstract to the AAO.

*Note: The Authorship and Assignment of Rights statement must be completed or the application will not be accepted.*

5. The only change allowed to an application after the deadline is for the application to be withdrawn.
6. Participants must register for the 2021 AAO Annual Session. Registration may be completed online at [www1.aaoinfo.org](http://www1.aaoinfo.org).
7. On-site Procedures will be sent to all participants three weeks prior to the Annual Session via email.
8. Cancellation or failure to participate will result in forfeiture of the \$750 payment.
9. The AAO is not liable for any loss or damage to the participants' materials. The AAO is not responsible for items left in the area after 2:30pm Saturday, April 24.
10. Advertising is not permitted in the presentations. No commercial promotion is allowed. Violation of this policy will result in immediate disqualification.
11. Care of the Building is the responsibility of the participant. Any damage to the convention center's property by participants or their agents must be paid by the participant causing the damage.
12. Handouts are the responsibility of the participant. The AAO will not pay to duplicate handouts.



# FUTURE AAO MEETINGS

## AAO ANNUAL SESSIONS

### 2021

Boston, Massachusetts, USA  
April 23-27  
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

### 2022

Honolulu, Hawaii, USA  
April 29 -May 3  
Hawaii Convention Center

### 2023

Chicago, Illinois, USA  
April 21-25  
McCormick Place

### 2024

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA  
May 3-7  
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

### 2025

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA  
April 25-28  
Pennsylvania Convention Center

### 2026

Orlando, Florida, USA  
May 1-4  
Orange County Convention Center, West

### 2027

San Francisco, California, USA  
April 30-May 3  
Moscone Convention Center

## AAO WINTER CONFERENCES

### 2021

AAO Virtual Meeting  
February 12-14  
[www.aaoinfo.org/meetings](http://www.aaoinfo.org/meetings)

### 2021

Orlando, Florida, USA  
January 29-30  
Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando