American Academy of Implant Dentistry Foundation awards more than $165,000 for research projects

The future of implant dentistry is driven by research, and thanks to the AAID Research Foundation, more than $165,000 in grants were awarded to dental investigators in the last two years, the foundation announced.

“The AAID Foundation provides generous grants to post-graduate researchers for unbiased dental implant research to further the science of oral implantology through research and education,” said Jaime Lozada, DMD, chairman, AAID Research Foundation. “The AAID strongly advocates evidence-based dentistry, and grants from the foundation are contributing significantly to the body of evidence in our field.”

Lozada added that the AAID Foundation ranks as the leading grantor for dental implant research and, overall, it has funded more than 70 research projects totaling more than $600,000. Individual grants range from $2,500 to $25,000.

“The future of implant dentistry will be built upon the commitments that the AAID Foundation makes today to support education, research and the advancement in the practice of implant dentistry,” Lozada said.

One $10,000 AAID Foundation awardee, Mahmoud Torabinejad, DDS, PhD, Loma Linda University, is researching levels of patient satisfaction and complications during and after root canal treatments and single-tooth implants.

“Dr. Torabinejad’s research is an excellent example of the cutting-edge work the AAID Foundation is supporting that will give practitioners solid scientific evidence for making treatment decisions and recommendations to their patients,” Lozada said.

Another grant recipient, Thomas Dodson, DDS, Massachusetts General Hospital, has worked on a study of implant survival rates and factors most commonly associated with implant failures.

“Less than 2 percent of implants fail, but this research should be helpful in determining which types of patient might be prone to possible implant failure,” Lozada noted.

The AAID Foundation’s awards are funded by contributions to the AAID Research Endowment Fund from AAID members, sponsors and friends. Income generated from the endowment is allocated exclusively to support implant research projects.

AAID Foundation Awardees for 2012 will be announced at the AAID Annual Scientific Meeting, Oct. 7–11, in Washington, D.C.