



AMA Alliance–AMA Foundation Connection

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Welcome to the AMA Alliance – AMA Foundation "Connection" e-newsletter, which you will receive monthly, after the latest monthly [contribution report](#) is posted online. The newsletter will inform you of the AMA Foundation's latest activities and provide dates, deadlines, facts and ideas to help make your fundraising efforts successful.

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1. Seed Grant Research Program

An increasing number of young physician scientists are experiencing difficulty finding the resources and support to do research. Consequently, fewer physicians are choosing careers in research which is a terrible loss to medicine. To address this trend, the AMA Foundation launched the Seed Grant Research Program in 2001.

This program awards \$2,500 grants to medical students, physician residents and fellows to help them conduct small basic science, applied or clinical research projects. Recipients use their grant funds for items such as laboratory supplies, chemical reagents, statistical software, and printing.

Grants are awarded in several different research categories such as Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Leukemia, Neoplastic Diseases (tumors and abnormal tissue growths), and Secondhand Smoke.

Every fall, the program is announced to medical schools, osteopathic medical schools, residency programs, faculty researchers and specialty medical organizations. Applications are made available in late August and are typically due in early December. Committees of external research experts review the applications and select the grant recipients. The recipients, their institutions' names and their project titles are announced in March, and publicized on the AMA Foundation website and through press releases.

To view a list of this year's recipients, visit http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/367/seed_grant_08.pdf.

Did you know?

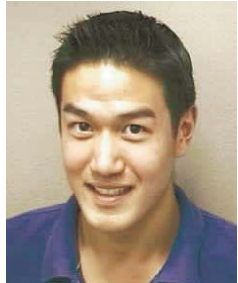
- Many grant recipients go on to present their research at national conferences and even publish their work in scientific journals.
- Over \$720,000 in research seed grants has been awarded to 310 medical students, physician residents and fellows.
- The AMA Foundation has a second research program it supports. The National and Regional Student Research Forums offer students and residents the opportunity to present their research, receive meaningful feedback, and participate in scholarly discussions with peers and established scientists. Awards are presented to the top-rated oral and poster presentations. The four forums are held every year in Monterey, CA, Omaha, NE, Miami, FL, and Galveston, TX.

To donate to the Seed Grant Research Program, please call the AMA Foundation hotline at (312) 464-4200.

To learn more about the Seed Grant Research Program, visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/7785.html>.

2. Seed Grant Recipient

The significance of the Seed Grant Research Program is profound. Here is a quote from a student who benefited as a past participant:



“Since this project was planned, led, performed, and completed under my direct supervision, I was able to see every aspect of a research project from its initial conception to the final editing of the manuscript. Going through the entire process was incredibly educational and rewarding...Thank you again for everything. It’s made a big difference.”

- Andrew Hsu
2006 Seed Grant recipient

To read other recipient quotes, visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/17607.html>.

3. Fundraising Tip of the Month

In the wintery states, March is a month that most would prefer to avoid going anywhere. In the warmer states, there are often too many functions one is asked to attend. Try having a **“Non-Event”** - Send out invitations. Cordially invite “guests” to enjoy a quiet evening at home, with their own choice of entertainment and no speeches involved. Tell them that there will be no valet parking, no open bar, no music and no food whatsoever. Also, there will be no waiting in line to retrieve your car.

Using one simple non-invitation, you’ve asked for a donation that would normally be given for a gala dinner, except the donor never has to go anywhere. Enclose return envelopes and a card that offers various levels of donations per person or couple. \$8,270 was raised this way by Ingham County Medical Society Alliance (MI) a few years ago. It’s amazing how many people will love paying for a non-event, donating for a good cause, and enjoying an evening at home.

Wear your Alliance colors at your next fundraiser! Visit the [AMA Alliance website](#) to purchase the new Alliance logo wear.

DATES AND DEADLINES

March 30	Doctor's Day
March 31	AMA Alliance Capitol Conference Excellence in Medicine Awards Dinner and Ceremony Washington, D.C.

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