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The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation and Orthopaedic Trauma Association Announce New Grant.

October 5, 2016 – Rosemont, IL - The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF), in partnership with the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA), and in collaboration with the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMAS), DePuy Synthes, and Zimmer Biomet, is accepting investigator-initiated proposals for research focusing on Orthopaedic Trauma. According to the [Centers for Disease Control](#), annually, trauma injuries account for 41 million ER visits and impose an economic burden of more than \$671 billion in direct and indirect costs.

The grant is part of OREF's unique collaborative research agenda (CRA) program, which leverages OREF's ability to convene major orthopaedic stakeholders including industry, orthopaedic specialty societies, orthopaedic surgeons and investigators to identify and fund the research that is most critical to improving clinical practice and patient care.

The grant provides \$289,000 over a 2-year period. Applications must be received no later than December 15, 2016. Visit the [OREF website](#) for more information. "This grant represents significant funding for an investigator and is another powerful example of the impact the orthopaedics community and industry can have when we combine our resources to support and encourage high-quality research," stated David G. Lewallen, MD, OREF president.

About the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation

The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation, founded in 1955, is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization committed to improving lives by supporting excellence in orthopaedic research. OREF is dedicated to being the leader in supporting research that improves function, eliminates pain and restores mobility, and is the premiere orthopaedic organization funding research across all specialties. Current funding opportunities and a list of awarded grants may be accessed at www.oref.org/grants.

About the Orthopaedic Trauma Association

The mission of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) is to promote excellence in care for the injured patient, through provision of scientific forums and support of musculoskeletal research and education of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the public. The OTA will be the authoritative source for the optimum treatment and prevention of musculoskeletal injury, will effectively communicate this information to the Orthopaedic and medical community and will seek to influence health care policy that affect care and prevention of injury. Visit www.ota.org for more information.

About the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons

The purpose of the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMOS) is to provide a forum for the interchange of medical knowledge as it relates to the practice of Orthopaedic surgery in the military. The Society has been formally recognized by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and is a member in the AAOS Board of Specialty Societies (BOS). In addition, SOMOS has a representative on the Board of Councilors of the AAOS. SOMOS continues to represent a broad spectrum of active duty, retired, and reserve military orthopaedic surgeons. Visit www.somos.org/ for more information.

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