**Clinician Scholar Career Development**

The AAOS/OREF/ORS Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP) is an annual program seeking applicants in their PGY2-PGY 5 residency years, in fellowships, and Junior Faculty through year three who have the potential/desire to become orthopaedic clinician scientists. Up to 15 participants are selected to participate in the 1.5 day CSCDP training workshop.

CSCDP topics include the following:

* Overview of the Clinician Scientist (Scholar) Timeline
* Peer Review Process
* Grant Writing 101
* Navigating the National Institutes of Health
* Resources of the NIH Intramural Research Program
* Collaborating with Scientists
* Career Training for Basic Scientists
* Career Training for Clinical Scientists
* Establishing a Mentor
* New Initiatives and Alternate Approaches
* The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) in the Development of the Clinician Scientist
* The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) in the Development of the Clinician Scientist
* OREF from an MD Perspective
* Role of the Department of Defense (DoD)/Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
* The Surgeon Scientist: A Chairman's Perspective
* A Personal Perspective: Balancing it All

# The 2018 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP) will be held September 27-29, 2018, in Rosemont, IL.

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The completed application form, an electronic version of your curriculum vitae (Word or PDF are accepted) and a PDF / scanned version of a letter of support from your department chair must be submitted electronically by 11:59 PM CST on February 28, 2018 to [shozda@ota.org](mailto:shozda@ota.org)

*All CSCDP participants are expected to submit an abstract for consideration at the 2018 Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) Annual Meeting.*

**Project History**

Orthopaedic clinician scholars continue to generate significant contributions to the field of orthopaedics. Unfortunately, due to a variety of factors at play in the healthcare environment, the number of clinician scientists has been on the decline in recent years. The decline in the numbers of both active clinician scientists and those entering this career path has long been of concern to the Academy. The Academy's Research Development Committee works closely with the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) and the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) on programs focusing on developing clinician scholars.

As the RDC progresses in its efforts, it aims to partner with others to develop a cadre of orthopaedic clinician scientists who will lead the research efforts to find new methodologies to treat and cure orthopaedic related illnesses and injuries. The AAOS/OREF/ORS CSCDP is a first step in the career path for clinician scientists. This program offers the orthopaedic profession a new source of clinician scientists engaged in research that advances orthopaedic surgery and musculoskeletal medicine.

**Additional Resources**

• [NIH Career Development Awards](http://grants1.nih.gov/training/careerdevelopmentawards.htm)