



Center for  
Orthopaedic Trauma Advancement

# about Fellowship Grants

COTA, the Center for Orthopaedic Trauma Advancement, was established in 2009 to ensure the continued financial support of Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowships in North America, through a stringent merit-based award process. COTA has emerged as one of the leading sources of Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship funding, helping to ensure fellowship programs have adequate resources for continued excellence in education. COTA grants (highest award level is \$75,000) can be used to fund fellow salary, benefits and educational expenses.

## CRITERIA

- 100% of the COTA programs participate in the Fellowship Match Process
- Only those programs with ACGME or OTA certification will be considered for COTA grants.
- **FACULTY/FELLOW RATIO:** Programs with a large number of fellows must demonstrate a sufficient faculty/fellow ratio to earn the highest ranking.
- **LEADERSHIP:** A longstanding history of support for trauma/fellowship training and a tradition of developing leaders in the discipline.
- **CURRICULUM:** The didactic program for a trauma fellowship should be well defined.
- **RESEARCH:** Programs with external research funding and/or an established record of publication will create opportunities for fellows to develop research interests.
- OTA and ACGME certified fellowship programs have to meet the required trauma CPT code(s) designated in their respective guidelines.

## 2024-2025 FELLOWSHIP FUNDING TIMELINE

<b>November 2023 – January 29, 2024</b>	COTA Fellowship Grant Applications for 2023-2024 Academic Year accepted until 12:00 PM CDT
<b>February, 2024</b>	Blinded Applications to non-conflicted Review Committee
<b>March 1, 2024</b>	Blinded Grants Ranks and Scores to <a href="mailto:connell@ota.org">connell@ota.org</a>
<b>March, 2024</b>	Board Meeting to Approve COTA Funding
<b>Second week in April 2024</b>	Programs notified of results of Review Committee
<b>June, 2024</b>	Acceptance forms including fellow's name deadline
<b>June 15–August 31, 2024</b>	Checks distributed to programs
<b>July 15–August 31, 2024</b>	Reports from 2023-2024 orthopaedic trauma fellows received
<b>October 31, 2024</b>	2023-2024 program grantees financial reports submitted



COTA decisions regarding the number of orthopaedic trauma fellowship grants will be shaped by commitments we receive from industry before selection meeting in March, 2024.