

AAO Foundation Award Final Report

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Institution	University of Tennessee
Summary/Abstract (250 word maximum)	These awards were, each year, a salary supplement, so that I could continue to work on my PhD (in Health Policy) while I was full-time faculty at the University of Tennessee's Orthodontic Program.
Were the original, specific aims of the proposal realized?	The original aims were not that specific; in fact, they were simply to learn what it takes to be a full-time faculty member. Since continual growth and improvement is something everyone should strive for, in my opinion, to say that those goals were realized would imply that no further growth is required. Instead, I would say that those aims have been furthered. I have been acting as clinic director for the last three years, with increasingly more autonomy with regard to the day-to-day running of the clinic. Starting the second year, I began teaching the cephalometrics course, and improved the course for the second year. I had the current Chairman's endorsement as a candidate to succeed him as department Chair on his retirement. Because my husband has changed jobs, I will be moving to another city, or I believe I would still be a viable candidate for Chair. I am eligible for promotion based on my school's criteria for promotion. I have successfully integrated into both the general faculty of our dental school and the faculty in the ortho department and serve on several committees, including, this year, president of the Committee of Faculty.
Were the results published? If not, are there plans to publish? If not, why not?	My particular area of interest is interdisciplinary treatment. I have been invited to speak at several study clubs on this topic, and I presented at the AAO meeting in Denver as one of the "Rising Stars" as well as at the Pankey Institute as visiting faculty. I currently have an interdisciplinary patient in treatment with the intention of presenting the case for publication when she has been restored.

