

AAO Foundation Award Final Report

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Award Type	Orthodontic Faculty Development Award
Project Title	Orthodontic Faculty Development Award
Project Year	2004
Institution	University of California at Los Angeles
Summary/Abstract	<p>This was an important transitional year in my academic career. When I first came on faculty full-time in 2000, my career development plan centered on developing a basic science-based line of research. AAOF Awards in 2001 and 2002 were strategic to the inception of a series of projects that have shown initial success, with one publication in the Journal of Craniofacial Surgery and two manuscripts to be submitted for publication in the next few months.</p> <p>Two years ago, I realized that my accomplishments in teaching and community service were quickly surpassing the outcomes of my line of research. I decided that it would be more strategic to align my teaching and community service activities under a new research direction. I refocused grant-writing activities toward educational and community-based initiatives and partnered with another investigator to earn a three-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to create a residency program that will target service to and advocacy for underserved populations in Los Angeles. I expect to initiate outcomes analysis of the impact of services on the community. We also expect to create new models of clinical and didactic teaching and will assess post-graduation outcomes of students who gain this unique experience.</p> <p>Funds from the 2004 Orthodontic Faculty Development Award were used for relief of student loan debt. As this is my final year of eligibility for the Orthodontic Faculty Development Awards, I would like to thank the AAO Foundation for its generous support of junior faculty members during these early years of academic career development.</p>

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