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Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf
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Dear Dean Kalkwarf:

The **American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID)** is the oldest organization whose primary focus is the pursuit of clinical and research knowledge related to dental and oral implantology. The **American Academy of Implant Dentistry Research Foundation (AAIDRF)** promotes the advancement and maintenance of research and education in the science of implant dentistry in all its phases, modalities and applications. The AAIDRF sponsors, operates, coordinates and supports continuing education, educational seminars, and meetings related to implant dentistry. Further, and the purpose of this letter, the AAIDRF reviews and dispenses grants in a peer-reviewed process.

The **AAIDRF** currently has funds available for research projects related to clinical implant dentistry and science. In this regard, the Foundation encourages you to share the following information with individuals at your school and welcomes applications. The AAIDRF is currently offering 10 grants in the 2008 calendar year for both basic research and applied clinical research proposals.

To provide dental students with the opportunity to be exposed to research related to implant dentistry, six (6) grants in the amount of **\$2,000** each will be awarded to dental students/dental residents each year. In addition, a **\$500** travel stipend is provided for those students to present their data at a future AAID/AAIDRF Annual Meeting. **The application deadline for student grants is May 1, 2008.**

In addition to student research grant, four (4) research grants in the amount of **\$10,000** will be awarded to faculty, clinicians or researchers in implant dentistry. The grants are evaluated and funded based on proposal's scientific nature and ability to advance the art and science of implant dentistry. **The application deadline for clinical grant is August 1, 2008.**

The AAIDRF sincerely desires to support the professional involvement of clinicians, faculty, researchers, academia's, students and residents. This mutually beneficial relationship and collaboration will enhance the exploration of knowledge related to dental implant research and development benefiting not only the dental profession, but the public at large. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Afshin Alavi (Telephone 312-335-1550; Fax 312-335-9090).

Thank you in advance for sharing this information with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

John Minichetti, DMD
Chairman, AAID Research Foundation

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