# AAO Foundation Award Final Report

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## Summary/Abstract

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the AAOF for their support. This past year has been a very busy year for me. Besides my academic responsibilities (teaching, research and service), I have also prepared for SRTA dental licensure exam which I have successfully completed in August 2004. Some portion of the award was used towards the expenses related to the licensure process. This award provided financial support for my academic development as a teacher, researcher and clinician:

### Teaching Activities:

- Course Director and Lecturer, Orthodontics 733
- Lecturer, Dentistry 515
- Lecturer, Dentistry 101
- Lecturer, Orthodontics 623
- Lecturer, Dental Hygiene III- 401
- Course Director, Orthodontics 660
- Course Director, Orthodontics 654
- Course Director, Orthodontics 656

### Research Activities:

- Submission of a grant to Pfizer, Inc. This got funded.
- Submission of a grant to VCU, Office of Research. In review
- Currently working on a grant proposal to be submitted to NIH
- Research advisor for dental students: This past summer, I was research advisor for 2 dental students. Under my guidance, both of them were able to receive AD Williams Summer Research Fellowship Award. They also presented their research at IADR meeting, in Baltimore (2005). Currently, I am advising two freshmen as well. They were also successful in receiving the AD Williams Summer Research Fellowship award. They will be submitting an abstract for AADR meeting in Orlando (2006).
- MS Thesis Advisor for orthodontic residents: Currently I have two orthodontic residents who are working towards their MS under my advisorship.

### Services:

- VCU School of Dentistry, Research Committee
- VCU School of Dentistry, Admissions Committee
- Orthodontics, Admissions Committee for Residents
- VCU School of Dentistry, Curriculum Committee
Ad-hoc reviewer The Angle Orthodontist

Publications:
1. Payne MD, Lindauer SJ. Shroff B, Tufekci E, Best AM. Factors influencing applicant ranking of orthodontic programs. Accepted for publication in Angle Orthod