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Dear Colleagues:

Many of us in orthodontics realize that we stand on the shoulders of giants. Consequently we may be interested in recognizing or remembering those esteemed colleagues who have done so much for our specialty and/or have mentored us along the way. There are, of course, many ways to accomplish this and one way is to establish an AAO Foundation [Named Award](#) in their honor or memory.

A few years ago, the AAOF Board of Directors established [Named Award](#) opportunities as follows:

- Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards – 12
- Post-doctoral Fellowship Awards – one
- Biomedical Research Awards – 12
- Center Awards – Six

Of those 31, all but seven have been spoken for, and all those still available fall under the Biomedical Research Award funding category.

Here's what's required to establish such an award, which might be named after an individual, a small group of individuals, or an organization:

An individual, group of individuals, or an organization may name one of the AAO Foundation Named Biomedical Research Awards (BRA) with a pledged aggregate of \$250,000, with a minimum of \$25,000 per donor, and with this \$250,000 being all new pledges, whether pledge increases, first-time pledges, or some combination.


Certainly we recognize that not everyone or every organization will be interested in this opportunity, but we also recognize that some will. Perhaps you and others with whom you are affiliated, will be among those who are.

Again, there are only seven such [Named Awards](#) still available, and once those have all been spoken for, all offerings in all funding categories will be closed. While we recognize that these things take time, closing out [Named Awards](#) is a priority and, consequently, we look to have this accomplished by next calendar year, if not before.

If you have any questions, or when you are ready to act in this regard, please contact one of us, or Robert Hazel, AAOF EVP at 800.424.2841, #546 or rhazel@aaortho.org.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Rick W. Fuchs, President



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