

AAO Foundation Award Final Report

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Award Type	Orthodontic Faculty Development Award
Project Title	Orthodontic Faculty Development Award
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Institution	University of Maryland
Summary/Abstract	<p>The intent of a faculty development award is to aid the progress of a junior faculty to a full time tenured position in an orthodontic department, with the expressed hope that such aid will help alleviate the crisis in orthodontic education.</p> <p>For the short term, my one year award served me well in several areas. Primarily it provided monies which were otherwise unavailable from either the department or from my own personal resources. Such monies ensured AAO membership and travel to the meeting for continuing education. These monies also supported much needed computer equipment upgrades for my Ph.D. research and the purchase of materials for the laboratory investigations. The monies were also utilized for membership to the IADR/AADR and the Adhesion Society and related knowledge base advancement. These monies also helped offset the huge salary differential between full time academics and full time private practice.</p> <p>Unfortunately I had to abandon the goal of a PhD in analytical chemistry (in 2003). And, I am no longer a full time faculty member. The award however did achieve some limited success. It supported some of my laboratory investigations into surface adhesion. The results of these bond strength studies along with other PhD thesis data was recently published in the most recent <i>Seminars in Orthodontics</i>. Additionally, this research has sparked interest in the department which has led to two successfully defended Master's theses, and two more which are in progress.</p>