

## Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award

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I am a full time Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois Chicago, College of Dentistry. I joined UIC as a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor in June 2019. I successfully obtained full-time Clinical Assistant Professor position in August 2020. Recently I became the Associate Director of Post Graduate Orthodontics



I am a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontists. I have a background in general dentistry and orthodontics and my areas of research expertise include clinical outcomes evaluation, accelerated orthodontic tooth movement, micro CT, and 3D CBCT image evaluations. I am currently involved in basic science and clinical research. I am a course director of “ABO Exam Prep Course”, and ORTD 615, thesis mentor of OSCI 598, and supervise residents in a postgraduate orthodontics clinic.

The proposed project is a survey-based study of 200 Orthodontic practitioners in the state of Illinois. The practitioners will be queried on their observations regarding: access to oral health care by their patients and occurrence of adverse orthodontic outcomes due to closure of dental practices. The study findings will have an immediate impact on practices, practitioners, and patients. The study will shed light on how practitioners and practices have adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic and how it is impacting the way they deliver care to their patients. The study will identify patient related outcomes that are of immediate concern as well as those that will have a profound impact on the long term. The study findings will enable practitioners to better prepare for a future wave of pandemics as well as lay a framework for how disruptions in continuity of care can influence treatment outcomes.

As a course director of “ABO Exam Prep Course” and ORTD 615, a supervisor of residents in postgraduate orthodontics clinic, a mentor of thesis projects, and as a practicing clinician this award will give me the support that I need to undergo both formal and informal training that will further strengthen my clinical acumen, research abilities, and teaching skills over the course of the proposed project period to become a better educator. My goal is to inculcate life-long learning skills in all my students. Learning new things and self-evaluating their own skills is what I constantly try to implement in my residents

This award will give me the support to attend professional meetings to present my project and share the results with colleagues to build a better and stronger orthodontic society. There is always room for improvement, and I strongly believe that learning is a continuous and lifelong process. This award will give me the support to update myself with the latest developments in clinical orthodontics, become familiar with latest developments in research, technology, and their applications in clinical orthodontics to serve as an effective teacher.