



## Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award Guidelines

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15**

### **PURPOSE**

The Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award is given in recognition of the critical role that educators play in strengthening the specialty. The award provides funding to individuals who agree to commit a minimum of five years to a full-time\* academic career in endodontics at a dental school that is accredited by or has a reciprocal agreement with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Recipients receive \$50,000 a year, for five years. The funds are disbursed annually at some time **after** the individual's employment anniversary date. Up to \$250,000 is available per recipient.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Endodontists who plan to pursue a career in education and have secured a contract to teach full-time in an endodontic department at an institution that is accredited in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply for this grant.
- Applicants must be permanent residents of the United States or Canada.
- Individuals may apply during the first five years that they are employed full-time as an endodontic educator, up to the end of their fifth year of employment. The award is not retroactive.

### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

New fellows are required to attend the AAE annual meeting and the Institute for Teaching and Learning (one time during their five year fellowship). A one-time grant of \$1,000 is provided to defray the cost of travel and lodging at the AAE annual meeting. Each new fellow will be recognized at the AAE annual meeting after one full year of teaching as a fellow. The Institute for Teaching and Learning is a four-day, on-site professional development program with additional online, post-program learning experiences designed to equip dentists and dental educators to achieve better student outcomes by refining their teaching skills and enhancing the quality of their interactions with students. The Foundation will pay the cost of registration for the workshop, travel and lodging.

Please note; any active fellow who leaves his/her full-time position before the completion of an academic year, will not receive the \$50,000 award for that academic year, or any year thereafter, unless he/she has secured a full-time teaching position which has been approved for continuation of funding by the Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award Committee.

### **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

The Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award Committee administers the program. This committee is composed of two representatives from the Foundation of Endodontics Board of Trustees, two from the AAE Board of Directors and one additional member. The position of chair alternates each year between the Foundation and the AAE. The President of

the Foundation and the President-elect of the AAE appoint the committee members from their respective Boards. The two work together to appoint the additional committee member.

The committee reviews all applications. Finalists are interviewed by committee members. The Foundation awards the fellowships, which are announced at the AAE annual meeting.

Fellows are selected based on the following criteria:

- Meeting the eligibility requirements
- Accuracy of information on the application form
- Official transcripts from previous degree or certification programs
- Strength of recommendations
- Strength of the personal essay
- Degree of support from program director/dean of current institution
- Strength of interview with committee members
- Preference will be given to individuals who will be employed at programs where there is no other fellowship recipient.

### **TIMELINE**

The deadline for applications is May 15. The Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award Committee meets to interview applicants following the deadline. Applicants will be notified of their status shortly thereafter. The recipient will be recognized at the annual meeting, the following year, after the first full year as a fellow. The first installment of the grant will be paid shortly after the recipient completes a full year of teaching, and annually around that date for the next four years.

### **TO APPLY**

Applicants must submit:

- The application form (following these guidelines);
- An essay outlining their interest in an academic career and the reasons they are applying for a Fellowship (approximately 2 pages);
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to the applicant's commitment to education by describing past experience, aptitude and strengths (One letter must be from the applicant's academic supervisor);
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate programs. All transcripts must be translated to English using credentialing agencies, World Education Service (WES) or Education system Exchange (ESE);
- A copy of the applicant's employment contract; and
- Applicant's CV.

Applications may be submitted online [here](#).