AADR William Butler Fellowship

The William (Bill) Butler Fellowship was created in recognition of Dr. Butler’s many contributions to research in mineralized tissues and his prominence as a leading mentor and role model in the field. The immediate goal of this fellowship is to support researchers at the early stages of their scientific careers.

The long term objective of this fellowship is to increase the representation of mineralized tissue researchers at the higher ranks in science and academia and who will serve as the future mentors in this field.

Objective

This fellowship is designed to support the academic and scientific development of mineralized tissue researchers towards an independent research career. Recipients will receive up to $10,000 that must be put towards their post-doctoral research, establishment of their laboratories, the completion of a research project or preparing research for publication or grant submission. As part of the terms of the fellowship, the award recipient must submit a report within 12 months of receipt of the award which describes the results of the progress achieved as a result of the fellowship.

Criteria

Applicants must:

• be a member of AADR

• be within 10 years of their last professional degree

• demonstrate commitment to a research career in mineralized tissues and oral biology as well as academic promise, which is evaluated based on the candidate’s CV, project and the support demonstrated in the supervisor/department head letter

• hold a DDS/DMD and/or PhD, or equivalent advanced degree

• hold an appointment at the post-doctoral, instructor, assistant professor level or equivalent at a research/academic institution

• emphasis will be placed on applicants in the fields of Mineralized Tissues, and Clinical Research, but candidates pursuing careers in other areas of the Oral and Dental Craniofacial Research spectrum are encouraged to apply.

Application

The application package includes:
• a letter of support from the applicant’s research supervisor and department chair

• an outline of the candidate’s project

• a personal statement

• the candidate’s CV and career development plan

Timeline

A call for applications will be sent at the time of Call for Abstracts for the AADR Annual Meeting. The Fellowship recipient will be announced at the meeting.

Evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated by the AADR Fellowships Committee on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of their projects and active commitment toward a career in Oral Biology.

Funding

This Fellowship will be available once a full endowment is received of $250,000. The AADR will provide $125,000 in matching funds after the first $125,000 is raised to fully fund the Fellowship.