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AADOCR Announces Recipients of the 2026 AADOCR Bloc Travel Grant

Alexandria, VA – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) has announced the 2026 recipients of the AADOCR Bloc Travel Grant. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 55th Annual Meeting of the AADOCR, which was held in conjunction with the 104th General Session of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research on March 25-28, 2026 in San Diego, CA.

The recipients are:

- Natalie Atyeo, NIDCR/NIH
- Sheta Biswas, University at Buffalo
- Bryanna Bravo, University of Pennsylvania
- Nicholas Brunetti, University of Florida
- Taiana Campos Leite, University of Pittsburgh
- Jasmine Canlas, Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University
- Y.W. Stacy Cho, Harvard University
- Samuel Comito, Columbia University
- Tanner Delaney, University of Nebraska
- Leena Eltilib, The Ohio State University
- Bayler Gunnell, Roseman University of Health Sciences
- Ryan Incrocci, Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine - Illinois
- Chloe La Prairie, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Yang Lei, Boston University
- Xiaolei Li, University of Pennsylvania
- Marissa Lipp, University of Florida
- Meghana Lodhavia, Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine - Illinois
- Neda Maroof, Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine - Illinois
- Kayla McCullough, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Philip Merry, UTHealth Houston
- Nusrat Nahar, ADA Forsyth
- Caydon Norris, Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine - Illinois

- Ana Pagan-Rivera, University of Puerto Rico
- Sangmin Park, University of Pittsburgh
- Shivam Patel, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- Abhinaya Perumbedu, University of North Carolina
- Alexandra Peterson, University of Florida
- Danial Pirooz, University of California, San Francisco
- Charlie Schuls, University of North Carolina
- Rivers Singley, Louisiana State University
- Caris Smith, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Samuel Suslavich, University of Pennsylvania
- Amy Tran, UTHealth Houston
- Gwendelyn Tran, Texas A&M University
- Rebecca Wood, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Birtan Yilmaz, Harvard University

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About AADOCR

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being. AADOCR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit, and private-sector institutions who share our mission. AADOCR is the largest division of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research. Learn more at www.aadocr.org.