

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE AOTRAUMA MIDDLE EAST AND NORTHERN AFRICA RESEARCH GRANTS 2021

1. The AO Trauma Middle East and Northern Africa (AO TMENA) Research Grants are funded by the AO TMENA Region of the AO Foundation, a Switzerland-based nonprofit organization. The AO TMENA Research Grants have an independent review committee and support projects dealing with trauma, surgery of the loco-motor system, and related clinical research. The research grants are intended to provide **young investigators (40 years old or younger)** projects with seed money and are not intended as an ongoing funding source for established laboratories.
2. The application must be submitted in English on the form provided. Part 3 (details of the proposal) should not exceed ten pages, including enclosures. This allows adequate evaluation regarding relevance, quality and cost of the project. The application must also include an abstract (maximum 2,500 characters, to be e-mailed to AO TMENA office) that might be published on the AO Trauma website if the project is accepted.
3. The deadline for the AO TMENA Research Grants applicants is **February 28, 2021**. The decisions will be communicated end of May 2021.
4. Funding: The grant will be funded within research fields as outlined in the call:
 - Up to a **one year of stand-alone** funding up to CHF 8,000 will be given. It is the responsibility of the successful applicant(s) to submit a final report to AO TMENA as a record. For continuation of an ongoing research project, a formal application is necessary, together with an activity report of the previous period.
5. By policy, salaries for the principal investigator are not supported and no overhead contributions are made to the submitting organization. Additional funding from other AO institutes or other sources must be disclosed.
6. Implants or instruments (from DePuy Synthes or any other producer) that are included in the research project have to be specified and cannot be funded via this grant. For administrative reasons, they must be purchased from the local DePuy Synthes distributor or from any other producer.
7. The following topics should be covered in the application (**maximum 10 pages**, see separate template):
 1. Project title
 2. Rationale
 3. Objective and success criteria
 4. Hypothesis, open clinical question(s)
 5. Method: detailed research plan



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- a. Material
- b. Methodology
- c. Data analysis/statistics
6. Project-relevant literature (detailed literature review is required)
7. Timetable (milestones, pilot study, main study)
8. Applicant(s), including project leader and coapplicants:
 - a. Surname
 - b. First name
 - c. Academic degree
 - d. Institution
 - e. Contact details
 - f. Past research experience
9. Finance (all amount requested in Swiss Francs)
 - a. Personnel (cannot be funded via this grant)
 - b. Material
 - c. Travel and Accommodations
8. Support can only be granted if the conditions on the last page are fully accepted and the contract is signed. The applicant must accept the contract as defined by the AO Foundation. This is not negotiable.
9. The financial support by AO TMENA as part of the AO Foundation **MUST** be acknowledged in research manuscripts and acknowledgement slides of research project presentations in the acknowledgement section and at the beginning of the manuscript (first page) as followed (the individual journals decide (according to their own rules) what is allowable):

“This investigation was performed with the assistance of the AO Foundation via the AO TRAUMA Middle East and Northern Africa network “
10. Reporting:
 - a. One-year report for projects period >one year (please ask for template)
 - b. Final report for all projects (please ask for template)
11. All applications must be **submitted** to: research.mena@aotrauma.org