Application guidelines: AO Trauma Asia Pacific Research Grants 2020

1. The AO Trauma Asia Pacific (AO TAP) Research Grants are funded by the AO TAP region of the AO, a Swiss non-profit organization. The AO TAP Research Grants have an independent review board, and support projects dealing with trauma, surgery of the locomotor system, and related basic and clinical research. The grants provide projects with seed money and are not intended as a source of ongoing funding for established laboratories.

2. The application must be submitted in English on the form provided. It should not exceed ten pages, including enclosures. This allows adequate evaluation regarding relevance, quality, and cost of the project.

3. The applicant or one of the research group’s applicants MUST be an AO TAP committee member or an AO TAP faculty. The applicant should be 40 years old or younger (please indicate on the application form).

4. The deadline to apply for AO TAP Research Grants is 23:59 (Hong Kong time), June 30, 2020. Decisions will be communicated within four months after the submission deadline.

5. A one-year, stand-alone grant of up to CHF 8,000 will be given. It is the responsibility of the successful applicant(s) to submit a one-year report to AO TAP as a record. For continuation of an ongoing research project, a formal application is necessary, together with an activity report of the previous period.

6. 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 institutions or other sources must be disclosed.

7. DePuy Synthes implants or instruments included in the research project must be specified and priced separately. For administrative reasons, they must be purchased from the local DePuy Synthes distributor. When ordering, reference to the accepted AO TAP Research Grant project should be made.
8. The following topics should be covered in the application (maximum ten pages):
   1. Project title
   2. Rationale
   3. Objective and success criteria
   4. Hypothesis, open questions
   5. Method: Detailed research plan, including:
      a. Material
      b. Methodology
      c. Data analysis/statistics
   6. Literature, relevance of the project
   7. Time table (milestones, pilot study, main study)
   8. Finance (amount requested in Swiss francs)
      a. Personnel
      b. Material
      c. Travel and accommodations
   9. Applicant(s): project leader and co-applicant(s), including
      a. Surname
      b. First name
      c. Academic degree
      d. Institution
      e. Contact details and e-mail address
      f. Past research experience
      g. Date of birth
      h. Whether the submitted project has been or is funded by any other source
      (One of the applicants must be an **AO TAP committee member or AO TAP faculty member**.)
   10. History of previous AO TAP Research Grants (if any)

9. Support can only be granted if the conditions on the last page are fully accepted and the contract is signed.

10. The financial support by **AO Trauma Asia Pacific, as part of the AO, MUST** be mentioned in abstracts, publications, and presentations in a footnote, in the following manner:
This project (no. ..) was fully/partially supported by AO Trauma Asia Pacific of the AO.”

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