



Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award



Introduction

The administration and faculty of AO North America wish to show the profound esteem and respect for the contributions of Dr. Kathryn Cramer to orthopaedic trauma patient care and education, and to ensure that her memory and legacy live on. The leadership of AO North America has established a fund to support the professional development of young physicians and medical students in honor of Dr. Cramer.

Brief Biography

Kathryn Cramer, MD: 1960-2005

With a smile on her face and an “it will all work out attitude”, Kathy faced each day with good cheer and a smile. In the face of personal illness and sadness Kathy was always more concerned about others than her self. In particular, she always had time to answer questions and teach those around her, and most importantly laugh away the obstacles placed in her path.

Dr. Cramer grew up in Michigan where she remained to earn both her Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University and her Doctorate of Medicine degree from Wayne State University. She then excelled during her residency in orthopaedics at Vanderbilt and her fellowship in orthopaedic trauma at Harborview Medical Center. Upon completion of her training, Dr. Cramer moved back to the Midwest where she practiced orthopaedics until her illness forced her to retire. Her personal focus was on orthopaedic trauma care, particularly in pediatrics. Throughout her

illness and periods of remission she continued to work on her house, spend time on the lake and enjoy each day with her friends and family.

Her commitment to teaching and mentoring junior physicians and students is famous. She particularly sought out other young women orthopedists and helped make them comfortable and confident in their abilities.

As a message to everyone at her funeral Kathy asked that the following be read:
“Remind everyone that my idea of heaven is a place where I can run three or four rooms at a time in the operating room without anyone complaining! I can have hundreds of kids in fracture clinic without the administrators getting bent out of shape! I have a cast tech for each table and all the x-ray techs I need! I can boat every weekend I’m not on call!”

Mission

The goal of the fellowship is to honor Dr. Kathryn Cramer by fostering orthopaedic residents, orthopaedic trauma fellows, and junior orthopaedic trauma faculty who are interested in educational and research endeavors in orthopaedics (preferably orthopaedic trauma).

Applicants

Applicants should be residents and fellow with an M.D. or D.O. degree pursuing careers in orthopaedic traumatology, and orthopaedic traumatologists in their first two years of practice. One proposal may be submitted per applicant per funding cycle.

Funded activities

Examples of projects to be considered for funding:

Research support via direct stipend for residents, for living expenses incurred during active, fulltime participation in pre-existing research projects.

The applicant must have written confirmation of research project involvement by a mentor/primary investigator. Studies must be IRB-approved and should be projected to be submitted for presentation to the AONA, OTA and AAOS annual meetings. Submission of progress reports is necessary to continue support.

Traveling fellowship to multiple AO faculty sites, nationally and internationally.

A specific plan for timing and rationale, goals of the traveling fellowship should be submitted. Educational and professional goals should be clearly stated. This would be considered distinct from a standard AO fellowship in that it could include multiple brief stays with several faculty members versus a longer stay in one AO faculty member institution.

Travel for involvement in charitable programs.

Involvement in some form of charitable medical activity can be a profound educational experience for the applicant. Direct benefits to the area occur, and the educational interchange with the local health care workers can have long-lasting benefits. Many charitable programs, however, require the physician to underwrite their own travel and lodging, while donating their time and expertise. As many young physicians are under financial constraints, their ability to participate in such charitable programs is limited. However, they often have more freedom from family responsibilities.

Research grant support (direct costs only) for new resident research projects. The resident and a mentor should submit a research project. The AO research application format should be used. Studies must be IRB-approved and should be projected to be submitted for presentation to the AONA, OTA and AAOS annual meetings.

Budget

The Award budget maximum is \$15,000.00 per year. We encourage application of grants up to this level. The Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award Committee will decide and distribute one or more fellowship grants, with total outlay up to \$15,000.00, based on the number and quality of the applications. Accuracy of budget detail is expected.

Guidelines

1. Normally, support of each grant approved shall not exceed \$15,000.00. If the research project submitted will cost in excess of \$15,000.00, no funds will be released from AO North America until the applicant is able to provide documentation that the additional funding necessary to complete the project has been secured from other sources.
2. AO North America will not provide funds to purchase instruments or implants for research projects being funded. The applicant must obtain such materials from the appropriate manufacturer.
3. AO North America will not provide funds for capital equipment, such as computers or laboratory instrumentation, nor will it provide funding to support salaries for research personnel.
4. The Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award supports research only, no indirect costs.
5. Only one grant will be awarded per applicant in a calendar year, and not more than two grants will be funded per residency program per year.
6. The Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award Committee will collect applications through **March 15, for funding to begin July 1.** Those who submit projects for consideration during these periods should expect a funding decision within 8 weeks.

Responsibilities

AO North America requires a progress report one year after funding has been provided and a final report following completion of the project. Research projects are expected to have sufficient merit to be accepted for presentation at a professional society meeting such as the AAOS or OTA. Projects with a duration of over 2 years will require annual updates to AONA. Travel experiences are expected to be shared with peers and other professionals at an appropriate venue within 2 years of completion. Applicants who receive funding from AO North America will acknowledge this support in any resulting publications or presentations.

All recipients of the Kathryn Cramer fellowship fund will be expected to present a research summary or an educational summary. This summary may be published in the AO North America Newsletter, the AO Foundation “Dialogue”, and it may be presented at an AO North America course or related CME activity.

Application Process

An application (attached) will be used to select final candidates. Applications are to be no longer than three pages. Details such as an itemized budget, timelines, and travel itineraries are required. All applications are to be submitted electronically to Ellis.arlene@aona.org. Applicants are to submit one proposal only (no multiple proposals). AO North America reserves the right to request further specific information on a case by case basis.

AO North America

For additional information regarding the Kathryn Cramer Memorial Award, please contact Arlene Ellis by phone or E-mail:

Phone: 610-993-5100
Ellis.arlene@aona.org

For additional information regarding AO North America, please visit our website:
www.aona.org.

AONA Application for Kathryn Cramer Award

Please print and electronically send form to:

AO North America
Ellis.arlene@aona.org

Information pertaining to applicant:

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE #: _____

E-Mail Address _____

NAME OF UNIVERSITY/HOSPITAL/ TRAINING PROGRAM: _____

NAME OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS OF HOSPITAL:

E-Mail Address: _____

HOSPITAL/OFFICE TELEPHONE #: _____

HOSPITAL/OFFICE FAX #: _____

PRESENT POSITION: _____

DIRECTOR OF ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA: _____

PROJECT PRECEPTOR(Sponsoring Faculty): _____

Postgraduate Year : 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 or Fellowship Year ____ or Year in practice:

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Information pertaining to project (3 pages maximum, not including references and budget):

TITLE OF PROJECT:

ABSTRACT:

Background: _____

SPECIFIC AIMS: _____

PROPOSED METHODS/PLAN (include timeline):

OUTCOMES:

SIGNIFICANCE: (to your professional development, and to the orthopaedic community) _____

REFERENCES:

ITEMIZED BUDGET AND TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (on a separate page)

(NOTE: If more than \$15,000.00 alternate sources of funding must be confirmed)

Please attach protocol of project including a review of literature and any other pertinent supporting data.

AUTHORIZATION (by person authorized to approve RESEARCH AND/OR TRAVEL):

NAME (Please type or print)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

Please send completed application electronically to:

Ellis.arlene@aona.org

AO North America Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships

Name: _____

Activity Title: _____

Date(s): _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

First, list the names of proprietary entities producing health care goods or services, consumed by, or used on patients, with the exemption of non-profit or government organizations and non-health care related companies with which you or your spouse/partner have, or have had, a relevant financial relationship within the past 12 months. For this purpose we consider the relevant financial relationships of your spouse or partner that you are aware of to be yours.

Second, describe what you or your spouse/partner received of value (ex: salary, honorarium etc). AONA does NOT want to know how much you received.

Third, describe your role.

Commercial Interest	Nature of Relevant Financial Relationship (Include all those that apply)	
	What was received	For What Role?
<i>Example: Company 'X'</i>	<i>Honorarium</i>	<i>Speaking/Teaching/Research</i>

I do not have any relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests.

Signature _____
Date _____

Example terminology

What was received: Salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit.

Role(s): Employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and 'other activities (please specify).

Glossary of Terms and Definitions

Commercial Interest

The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients.

Commercial Support

Financial, or in-kind, contributions given by a commercial interest which is used to pay all or part of the costs

Financial relationships

Financial relationships are those in which the individual receives a financial benefit or something of value. Examples of financial relationships include salaries, royalties, intellectual property rights, fees for consulting or advising, honoraria for services provided to the commercial interest (i.e., speaker's bureaus for product specific education), ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interests) or other financial benefits. Roles associated with financial relationships may include employment, management positions within a commercial interest, independent contractor (including contracted research), consultant, speaker's bureaus for product promotional education, advisory boards, expert groups, or review panels, board of directors membership, and other activities for which remuneration is received, or expected. **Please note:** AONA considers the relevant financial relationships of your spouse or partner to be yours and should be disclosed.

Relevant financial relationships

The ACCME defines "relevant" financial relationships" as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months. ACCME has not set a minimal dollar amount for relationships to be significant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship.

Conflict of Interest

Circumstances create a conflict of interest when an individual has a project related to products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.