

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE AO TRAUMA ASIA PACIFIC RESEARCH GRANTS 2022

1. The AO Trauma Asia Pacific (AO TAP) Research Grants are funded by AO TAP, which is a part of the AO Foundation—a Swiss non-profit organization. The AO TAP Research Grants have an independent review board, and support projects dealing with trauma, surgery of the loco-motor system, and related basic and clinical research. Its mission is to provide projects with “seed” money. It is not meant to be 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 applicants of the research group **MUST** be an AO TAP council member or AO TAP faculty. The "project leader" should age 40 years-old or below, please indicate in the application form.
4. The deadline for Research Grants application is **June 30, 2022 23:59 (Hong Kong time)**. Decisions will be communicated within four months after the submission deadline.
5. A one-year stand alone funding 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. **DEPUYSYNTHES** implants or instruments included in the research project have to be specified and priced separately. For administrative reasons, they must be purchased from the local DePuySynthes distributor. When ordering, reference to the accepted AO TAP Research 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 –
 - 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, co-applicant(s) – including
 - a. Surname
 - b. First name
 - c. Academic degree
 - d. Institution
 - e. Contact details and email address
 - f. Past research experience
 - g. Date of birth
 - h. If the submitted project funded by any other source

(One of the applicants must be an **AO TAP council member or AO TAP faculty**)
 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 Foundation, **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 Foundation.”

All applications should be submitted to (postal applications are also accepted):

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