

AO Trauma Asia Pacific Research Grants 2024 Guidelines

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 applicant must be a paid member of AO TAP.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The deadline for Research Grants application is **HKT 23:59 on June 30, 2024**. Decisions will be communicated within four months after the submission deadline.
6. A one-year standalone 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.
7. 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.
8. **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.

9. The following topics should be covered in the application (MAXIMUM TEN PAGES):
- a. Project title
 - b. Rationale
 - c. Objective and success criteria
 - d. Hypothesis, open questions
 - e. Method: Detailed research plan –
 - i. Material
 - ii. Methodology
 - iii. Data analysis / statistics
 - f. Literature, relevance of the project
 - g. Timetable (milestones, pilot study, main study)
 - h. Finance (amount requested in Swiss francs)
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Material
 - c. Travel and accommodations
10. Support Agreements should be made between AO Trauma Asia Pacific and the institution. Research grants will be sent to the institution and not to individual applicants. A full research grant will be sent upon the research grant agreement is signed. AO Trauma Asia Pacific reserves the right to discontinue the grant, with return of full funding by the recipient, if for any reason it is determined that the activities for which the grant is intended to address cannot be met.
11. 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 the online application platform.

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