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## **AOPA Announces 2016 Requests for Proposals for O&P Pilot Research Grants**

WASHINGTON, DC – February 26, 2016 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), in partnership with the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence-Based Practice (COPL), has unveiled its 2016 Requests for Proposals (RFPs) inviting submissions for conducting Orthotic and Prosthetic research. AOPA will be funding up to four pilot grants for amounts up to \$15,000 each.

“This RFP represents AOPA’s ongoing commitment to advancing data-driven initiatives in O&P. AOPA has been investing in research in an attempt to advance and develop our evidence base. We chose sixteen high priority O&P topics including an open topic to encourage promising researchers from across the profession to apply,” said James Campbell, PhD, CO, FAAOP, President of AOPA.

The 2016 research topics available for funding include Orthotic Management of Osteoarthritis; Sockets: Methods for Measuring Proper Socket Fit and Alignment; Utilization and comparative effectiveness of TLSO/LSO, among many others.

[The full RFP and application can be reviewed online.](#)

**Questions?** Please contact Lauren Anderson, AOPA’s Manager of Communications, Policy, and Strategic Initiatives at 571/431-0843 or [landerson@aopanet.org](mailto:landerson@aopanet.org)

### **About AOPA**

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded in 1917 when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the profession.

### **About COPL**

COPL is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the development of, and learning about, outcomes and evidence-based research projects in the O&P field. The COPL Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from eight leading O&P organizations.