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## **AOPA Announces 2017 Request for Proposals for O&P Pilot Research Grants**

WASHINGTON, DC – February 27, 2017 – The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), in partnership with the Center for O&P Learning & Evidence-Based Practice (COPL), has unveiled its 2017 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. There are sixteen potential areas of O&P research including an open topic.

“AOPA is dedicated to advancing the O&P evidence base, and these pilot grants give researchers a great opportunity to start projects that they can build on to secure more funding from NIH and other sources. We have even seen several researchers go on to publish their COPL-funded research, which speaks to the high quality of the research that is resulting from these funds,” said Michael Oros, CPO, LPO, FAAOP, President of AOPA.

The 2017 research topics available for funding includes the study of prosthesis prescribing patterns, the effects of prosthetic component selection on community activity level, effectiveness of custom vs. OTS AFOs, and thirteen other topics.

[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.