



OMS Faculty Leadership Educational Advancement and Development (LEAD) Award Application and Guidelines

I. PURPOSE

- A. The OMS Faculty Leadership Educational Advancement and Development (LEAD) Award is designed to support full-time faculty members who have dedicated at least ten years to academia by providing financial assistance to further their professional growth.
- B. This \$75,000 grant aims to support faculty members seeking to pursue advanced degrees or certificate programs that will enhance their academic expertise and expand their qualifications for career advancement, including opportunities for promotion.
- C. This award recognizes the commitment of long-serving faculty to continuous learning and professional development.
- D. By investing in their educational pursuits, the award fosters excellence in teaching, research, and leadership within the academic community.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Applicants must be full-time faculty members who have dedicated at least ten years to academia through an oral and maxillofacial surgery training program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- B. The applicant must be a fellow or member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS).
- C. The applicant must be a donor of the OMS Foundation.
- D. The applicant must be a citizen or non-citizen national of the United States or its possessions and territories and have been lawfully admitted to the United States or Canada for permanent residence.
- E. Recipients of this grant will be expected to demonstrate how their chosen program will contribute to their professional trajectory and strengthen their impact in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

III. CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

- A. The maximum disbursement of the award will be \$75,000.
- B. The award will be offered for a period of three (3) years, with annual disbursements of \$25,000.
- C. The period of the award will begin on August 15.
- D. The recipient must commit to remaining in a full-time faculty position for the three-year award period.
- E. The award will be disbursed directly to the recipient to support their career advancement.
- F. The award may be used to support a degree or certificate program or attendance at a national or international meeting.

IV. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- A. All applications must be submitted online via the OMS Foundation [award management software](#).
- B. Curriculum vitae (CV) including educational background, professional experience, publications, and presentations.
- C. Personal statement (maximum 500 words) outlining their career goals.

V. TIMING OF THE APPLICATION

- A. Only applications following the OMS Foundation application guidelines will be accepted.
- B. Notifications will be made by July 1, 2026, to all applicants, whether the applicant has been selected for funding.

VI. REVIEW PROCEDURES

- A. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the OMS Foundation.
- B. The committee will evaluate each application based on academic and professional achievements and commitment to career advancement and leadership.
- C. The OMS Foundation Board of Directors will, at its sole discretion, select the Endowed Fellow awardee from recommendations provided by the selection committee.

VII. FINAL PROGRESS REPORT

- A. The recipient must submit a report detailing their experiences and education gained and how the award contributed to their professional development within six (6) months at the conclusion of the award period.
- B. The report may be used for promotional purposes by the OMS Foundation.
- C. Failure to submit a report will disqualify the individual from all OMS Foundation awards until the report has been received.



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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Degrees: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

- AAOMS Member
- OMS Foundation Donor
- Citizen or non-citizen national of the United States or its possessions and territories
- Curriculum vitae (CV) including educational background, professional experience, publications, and presentations
- Personal statement (maximum 500 words) outlining their career goals

Submission Instructions

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by June 1, 2026. For questions, contact the OMS Foundation at 847-233-4315 or via email at info@omsfoundation.org

Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete or inaccurate applications may result in disqualification.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____