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Dear Residency Directors and Residents:

We would like to introduce your osteopathic residents to an exciting opportunity to connect with their fellow osteopathic residents nationally. The American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians is sponsoring a new residency club, NRC, which will provide not only resident networking, but learning opportunities in grant writing, poster construction, abstract preparation and oral presentation. Join the NRC and take part in the excitement!

Included in this document, you will find several opportunities for osteopathic residents. We invite your osteopathic residents to the **2008 AOA/ACOP Pediatric Track Conference** in Las Vegas, being held October 26-30, 2008 and the **2009 AAP/ACOP Joint Conference**, being held February 27-March 1, 2009 in Anaheim, CA. There they can attend specific lectures designed for the residents to help them in their future endeavors.

While at these meeting, they may wish to present their posters, and an application is included. There will be a monetary award and certificate for the **ACOP Best Poster Award**. Deadline for the 2008 AOA/ACOP Pediatric Track Conference poster submission will be August 1, 2008. The award will be presented at the that conference. The deadline for submitting posters to the 2009 AAP/ACOP Joint Conference will be November 28, 2008. The award will be presented at that conference. Poster criteria is attached.

If the residents are looking for funding of a clinical project, then look no further. The ACOP is pledging grants at the value of \$500 each for projects related to clinical pediatrics. Special attention will be placed on projects geared to the ACOP's 2008-2009 theme of *Nutrition and Obesity*. The new theme, starting the Spring of 2009, will be *Identification and Prevention of High Risk Behaviors*, including pediatric suicide, alcohol abuse, cutting, STDs and teen pregnancy. Deadline for the proposal will be in December 2008, with the acceptance notification in January 2009 and subsequent award at the 2009 AAP/ACOP Joint Conference. An application for the grants is attached.

Does your resident need help in constructing a grant, an abstract, a poster or a manuscript, then we have a deal for you! Find these guides and more on your new *Conduit to Success CD, Second Edition*. If you have not received one yet, contact the ACOP office to request that a CD be sent to you and see what you are missing. In the spirit of the ACOP's *Conduit to Success*, we ask each Residency Program to submit a Power Point presentation to highlight their curriculum. The Power Point presentation will be included in the 2009 *Conduit to Success CD, Third Edition*. The deadline for this submission will be October 15, 2008.

Where do they get started? Have your osteopathic residents fill out the attached application for the NRC. Hurry, we can't wait to meet them, and we can't wait to be part of their future.

Sincerely,

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July 1, 2008

RE: Pediatric Resident Research Grant Program Introduction

FROM: ACOP Research Committee

To encourage research activity and skills among pediatric osteopathic physicians during their training years, the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) has established the Pediatric Resident Research Grant Program. This is an opportunity for osteopathic pediatricians to gain experience in the development, conduct, and presentation of research

Grant applications will require a statement of purpose, a research plan, and a proposed time line of completion. Applicants will need to have a project advisor who has an appropriate research background. In each cycle three grants of \$500 will be available.

Applicants will be asked to identify their own topics for study. Applicants will be required to complete their projects during their residency or within one year of graduation. Upon completion of the projects, the grant recipient will be expected to present their findings in a poster or other presentation session held at an ACOP Semi-Annual Conference. Recognition of this accomplishment will also occur in the PULSE – ACOP Newsletter. Applications can be found at the ACOP web site www.acopeds.org, under the Resident's Area.



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ACOP Research Grant Application:

A. Hypothesis:

B. Specific Aims:

C. Preliminary data:

D. Scientific Method:

E. Research mentor:

Please attach CV of applicant and Research mentor.



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ACOP Resident Research Grant Evaluation Criteria:

Title of Grant	#ID of Grant	Applicant Name and Program
Criteria	Potential Points	Points Given
Valid Scientific Hypothesis	20	
Suitable Methodology to Adequately Study the Hypothesis	20	
Likelihood to Complete the Research Study	20	
Potential for Publication	20	
Osteopathic Principal/Practice Inclusion	10	
Clearly written proposal	10	
Total Points	100	