

## American Osteopathic Foundation's Rocovich Research Grant Grant Application

The American Osteopathic Foundation's Rocovich Research Grant was established in 2019 by Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine to recognize founders John Rocovich, JD, and Sue Ellen Rocovich, DO, in gratitude for their strong support of Osteopathic medicine and the advancement of knowledge through Osteopathic research.

### Purpose

This research grant is given annually to recognize an Osteopathic medical student, resident, or physician who is contributing to scholarly work through research and publication on the biomechanical, biomedical, or clinical aspects of Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT).

### Grant

A grant of \$5,000 will be presented to one (1) individual who exemplifies the grant's purpose.

### Eligibility

- An Osteopathic medical student, resident, or physician who is conducting research and submitting publications on the biomechanical, biomedical, or clinical aspects of Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT).
- Current AOA membership required to apply. (Students may register for complimentary AOA membership [here](#).)

### Application Requirements

- [Completed online application](#) – applicants may apply directly
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, including:
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from Lead Mentor (advisor) on institutional letterhead, describing their role in the research project, their commitment to the applicant's training, and experience mentoring other students, residents, or junior faculty level researchers.
  - One (1) letter of recommendation of nominee's choosing; however, a DO, PhD, or other Osteopathic professional's recommendation is strongly encouraged.
- *Medical Students Only:* A Letter of Good Standing from the Dean or their designee, confirming a strong (above average) academic standing and verification from the COM that, if received, this grant will not render the student ineligible for other financial aid opportunities or reduce the total aid for which they are eligible. An optional template is located [here](#).
- CV/Resume/Bio sketch and a current photo
- Stage/Phase of Research; Title of Paper or Research Report
- Concept paper or published research
- Research Project Plan: Clearly outline the background, hypothesis(es), specific aims, and scientific approaches that will be taken to address each specific aim. An impact statement should also be included that describes the importance of this research to the practice of Osteopathic medicine.
- Proof of AOA membership

### Review Process

Applications close April 29, 2024. The selected applicant and their SOM/COM (as applicable) will be notified by July 31, 2024.

