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The mission of the AAO Foundation is “to advance the orthodontic specialty by supporting quality education and research that leads to excellence in patient care.” Funding ensures the future viability of our specialty by investing in the current and future generation of educators and researchers. Awards are available for junior, mid-career and full-time faculty; part-time faculty; and orthodontic residents.

HOW HAS FUNDING HAS BEEN USED?

Research and Fellowships – Since 1994 the AAOF has provided 12 million dollars in research and fellowship awards. One-third of all current department chairs and program directors were supported by the AAOF early in their careers.

Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collections Project – Major, multi-year undertaking designed to preserve irreplaceable, representative materials from nine legacy orthodontic collections and make them available for research at no cost to investigators.

Faculty Development & Retention – We are pleased to report that 80% of Jr Faculty who received funding remain in full time academics after five years.