Align Technology Opens 2027 Annual Research Program to Advance Orthodontic and Dental Patient Care

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2027 Grant Application Process Now Open for Up to $300,000 in Funding

TEMPE, Ariz.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 2, 2026-- Align Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALGN), a leading global medical device company that designs, manufactures, and sells the Invisalign® System of clear aligners, iTero™ intraoral scanners, and exocad™ CAD/CAM software for digital orthodontics and restorative dentistry, today announced the opening of its 2027 Annual Research Award Program to support clinical and scientific dental research in universities across the globe. This year, up to $300,000 will be awarded to university faculty for scientific and technological research initiatives to advance patient care in the fields of orthodontics and dentistry. Align Technology's Research Award Program has funded approximately $4.16 million in research since the program's inception in 2010.

"The goal of the Align Research Award Program is to support innovative research that expands clinical knowledge, strengthens the evidence base for orthodontic and dental treatment, and ultimately contributes to better care and treatment outcomes for patients worldwide," said Dr. Mitra Derakhshan, Align executive vice president, chief clinical officer, global treatment planning and clinical services. "We are proud to support collaboration among researchers, educators, and industry through the Align Research Award Program to help advance the science of orthodontics and dentistry and improve patient care."

"By supporting university-led research, we are helping advance the scientific knowledge and evidence-based innovation that can improve clinical outcomes and patient care. Through the 2027 Align Research Award Program, we are proud to continue investing in faculty researchers around the world whose work is shaping the future of orthodontics and dentistry,"" said John Morton, Align vice president, product innovation and technical fellow.

Awards available for dental research at universities are available in the following regions:

- **Americas** (US, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America): Four one-year awards of up to US$25,000 each
- **EMEA**: Four one-year awards of up to US$25,000 each
- **APAC**: Four one-year awards of up to US$25,000 each

Eligible applicants for dental research awards include full-time and part-time faculty involved in dental or scientific research at universities where Invisalign® treatment or the iTero™ scanner is available. All applications are reviewed by an independent academic committee that forwards its recommendations to Align for final selection. Consideration will be given to first-time applications from a university program. Program details, instructions, and application forms for prospective applicants can be found at https://learn.aligntech.com/learn/courses/39680/2027-research-awards/lessons (for Americas), https://learn.aligntech.com/learn/courses/39681/2027-research-awards/lessons (for EMEA), and https://learn.aligntech.com/learn/courses/39684/2027-research-awards/lessons (for APAC). Research proposals and completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on March 5, 2027. Award recipients will be notified by June 7, 2027.

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs and manufactures the Invisalign® System, the most advanced clear aligner system in the world, iTero™ intraoral scanners and services, and exocad™ CAD/CAM software. These technology building blocks enable enhanced digital orthodontic and restorative workflows to improve patient outcomes and practice efficiencies for over 307 thousand doctor customers and is key to accessing Align's 600 million consumer market opportunity worldwide. Over the past 29 years, Align has helped doctors treat approximately 24.2 million patients with the Invisalign System and is driving the evolution in digital dentistry through the Align Digital Platform™, our integrated suite of unique, proprietary technologies and services delivered as a seamless, end-to-end solution for patients and consumers, orthodontists and GP dentists, and lab/partners. Visit www.aligntech.com for more information.

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