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## **Align Technology Announces 2017 Research Award Program**

### **Up to \$300,000 Available in Funding for Dental Research Grants**

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 12/05/16 -- Align Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALGN) today announced its Research Award Program for 2017 as part of the company's goal to support science and technology advancement of patient care within the field of dentistry and orthodontics. This is an ongoing annually funded program established in 2010 and designed to promote clinical and scientific dental research in universities across the globe.

"The great enthusiasm with which the Align Research Awards program is received by universities worldwide is evidenced by the yearly increase in the number of applications received. It is extremely rewarding to see the diversity of research topics submitted to the program and an honor for Align Technology to support such excellent research to advance the field of dentistry and the dental profession in general," said John Morton, Align Technology Senior Technical Fellow.

Awards available for 2017 are four one-year awards of \$25,000 each for dental research at universities in North America and eight one-year awards of \$25,000 each for dental research at International universities.

"Many of the research studies supported by this program have resulted in publications in reviewed journals and increase the scientific evidence in orthodontics. We will continue to support research to advance the dental sciences and the treatment of patients worldwide," said Dr. Mitra Derakhshan, Align Technology Senior Director, Global Clinical.

Eligible applicants for the dental research award component include full- and part-time faculty involved in dental or scientific research at universities at which Invisalign® treatment is available. All applications are reviewed by an independent academic committee that forwards its recommendations to Align Technology for final selection. Program details, instructions, and application forms for prospective applicants can be found at <https://learn.invisalign.com/researchawards> (for North American applicants) and <https://learn.invisalign.com/internationalresearch> (for International applicants). Research proposals and completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on March 10, 2017. Award recipients will be notified by May 10, 2017.

#### **About Align Technology, Inc.**

Align Technology is the leader in modern clear aligner orthodontics that designs, manufactures and markets the Invisalign® system, which provides dental professionals with a range of treatment options for adults and teenagers. The Company also offers the iTero® 3D digital scanning system and services for orthodontic and restorative dentistry. Align Technology was founded in March 1997 and received FDA clearance to market the Invisalign system in 1998. Visit [www.aligntech.com](http://www.aligntech.com) for more information.

For additional information about the Invisalign system or to find an Invisalign provider in your area, please visit [www.invisalign.com](http://www.invisalign.com). For additional information about iTero 3D digital scanning system, please visit [www.itero.com](http://www.itero.com).

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