



Align Technology Launches Research Award Program With Up to \$500k of Funding for 2006

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov 03, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Align Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: ALGN), the inventor of Invisalign(R), a proprietary method of straightening teeth without wires and brackets, today announced the new Align Technology Inc. Research Award Program, with an initial funding amount of up to \$500,000 for 2006. The program will invite Invisalign-related scientific research proposals from academic and clinical dental research faculty, private practitioners, as well as residents and dental students.

"Align Technology is committed to promoting innovation and excellence in clinical research," said Dr. Eric Kuo, Director of Clinical Affairs at Align. "To date, Align has sponsored more than \$1.5 million in direct university, clinical research and foundation grants. By working in partnership with academic institutions, practitioners, and also dental residents and students, we can reach our goal of establishing sustainable, synergistic relationships between private enterprise and the scientific dental research community."

Prospective applicants can obtain program details by emailing ResearchProgram@aligntech.com.

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs, manufactures and markets Invisalign, a proprietary method for treating malocclusion, or the misalignment of teeth. Invisalign corrects malocclusion using a series of clear, nearly invisible, removable appliances that gently move teeth to a desired final position. Because it does not rely on the use of metal or ceramic brackets and wires, Invisalign significantly reduces the aesthetic and other limitations associated with braces. Invisalign is appropriate for treating adults and older teens. Align Technology was founded in March 1997 and received FDA clearance to market Invisalign in 1998.

To learn more about Invisalign or to find a certified Invisalign doctor in your area, please visit www.invisalign.com or call 1-800-INVISIBLE.

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