#### Burnett Osteopathic Student Research Award

This award was established in honor of the contributions made to the osteopathic profession by John H. Burnett, DO and Mary M. Burnett, DO.

## Purpose

The Burnett Osteopathic Student Research award recognizes an osteopathic medical student for his or her true dedication to osteopathic-oriented research. The goal of this award is to promote research validating the principles and practice of osteopathic medicine.

Eligibility

This award is open to any osteopathic medical student who has developed a concept paper or performed osteopathic-oriented research while enrolled in a college of osteopathic medicine (COM). Every aspect of the research must have been performed while enrolled in the COM. All applicants must be enrolled as a student in good academic standing at an AOA accredited COM during the fall of 2013.

Applicants shall meet the following criteria:

* Demonstrated commitment to the science of osteopathic principles and practice
* Active interest in clinical or basic science research pertaining to osteopathic medicine and manipulative treatment
* Outstanding academic achievement and noteworthy accomplishments in research

Award Information and Announcement

***Through a generous grant from the Burnett Student Research Fund, one recipient will be presented with a $2,000 award*** during the AOF Honors Ceremony, which is held annually during the Osteopathic Medical Conference & Exposition (OMED). The AOF will provide the award recipient with a travel grant to cover airfare and hotel accommodations (*up to two nights stay)* to attend the AOF Honors Ceremony. The recipient will be notified by July 30th so that travel arrangements can be made and high resolution pictures (*suitable for publication-electronic pictures are preferred*) can be obtained for use in announcing the award recipient.

Application Requirements

***Complete packets must be received by April 24, 2013.***

The following should be sent in one complete packet to the American Osteopathic Foundation:

* Completed Application Form
* Concept paper of not more than fifteen (15) pages *(see page 2 for content of this section)*
* Supporting documentation such as references, tables and figures *(optional)*
* Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume
* Official medical school academic transcript *(may be mailed separately)*

Application Requirements. Cont.

* Letter from the Dean or his/her designee as an official document certifying that the applicant is in good academic standing, must confirm the student’s class ranking/standing, and discuss how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria *(see below for content of this letter)*
* Letters of recommendation/support from two references other than the Dean *(see below for content of these letters)*

### Research Paper Guidelines

The applicant shall provide a concept paper or research paper of not more than fifteen (15) pages in length with one-inch margins, double spaced, using a font no smaller than 10-point, and include the applicants name and title of the paper on each page. Applicants are encouraged to consult with faculty advisors in the development of the paper. References, tables and figures may be included and will not be counted toward the 15-page limit. The paper should include the following:

**Synopsis**

Please provide a brief description *(three to six sentences)* of the concept paper.

**Stage of Research**

Please provide a brief statement describing the stage/phase of the research.

**Description**

The applicant shall provide a comprehensive description of his/her research proposal and shall include the significance/scope, overall goals, activities, and benefit to the profession. The paper should include the following:

* Describe the rationale for developing the research protocol in terms of osteopathic philosophy or practice; studies of osteopathic manipulative treatment may be included. The rationale should be clearly stated. Original or unique approaches are encouraged.
* Describe the research question to be studied. The literature should be of appropriate depth and support.
* Provide a general overview of the research plan. The plan should be ethical, should be feasible, and include appropriate design, measurement, procedures, and analysis.
* Describe the significance of the research with respect to osteopathic principles and practice or osteopathic manipulative treatment.
* Emphasis should be on the conceptual analysis of the research question with attention to the identification of relevant variables and their relationships.

Letters of Recommendation (Dean and Two References)

The letters of recommendation/support shall demonstrate why the applicant should receive this award.

The letter from the Dean shall certifying that the applicant is in good academic standing, shall note the individual’s class ranking, shall speak to the applicants qualifications for this award and list any contributions the applicant has made to research while enrolled in osteopathic medical school.

The two letters of recommendation/support must be from members of the osteopathic community, such as physicians, researchers, instructors, trainers, mentors, or other school personnel who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications for this award. *Additional letters of recommendation will not be accepted.*

**All letters must be sealed in individual envelopes with the signature of the author across the seal**

Academic Standing

For colleges that only use a pass/fail system, please indicate the student's class rank (if it is calculated), or indicate if the student falls into the top academic cohort by whatever system the school uses.Please indicate the parameters by which that system is structured, i.e. "our college recognizes those students in the top 10% of the class and this student is/is not a member of that grouping." Applications from students that do not contain information on academic standing are difficult to evaluate and such students may be disadvantaged when being evaluated/ranked for this awards.

### Packet Checklist

Use the checklist below to make certain the application packet is complete:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Concept/Research paper

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current transcript (*included or mailed separately*)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Resume or Curriculum Vitae

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Letter from the Dean

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Letters of recommendation/support from two references

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Documents *(optional)*

***Incomplete packets or packets that do not meet the application requirements***

 ***will not be forwarded to the selection committee***

Mail Completed Packet To:

American Osteopathic Foundation

### Burnett Student Research Award Packets must be received by April 24, 2013

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Additional Information:

For additional information please contact Vicki Heck, Director of Programs at vheck@aof.org or at (312) 202-8232. Word and PDF versions of this document are available on the AOF Website, [www.aof.org](http://www.aof-foundation.org) under the tab “Grants and Awards”.

### 2013 Burnett Osteopathic Student Research Award

### Application Form

All contact and mailings will occur between June and October; please provide the appropriate mailing and contact information. Former award recipients are not eligible to reapply for the same award for a period of three years.

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| E-mail (*Reference 1*): |  |
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| **Signature of Applicant**: |  | Date: |  |
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| **Signature of Dean**: |  | Date: |  |
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