

ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

OUR MISSION

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) is dedicated to advancing the science of occupational therapy enabling people of all ages and abilities to participate fully in life.

WHO WE ARE

Established in 1965, AOTF is an independent 501(c)(3) charitable, scientific, and educational organization. We serve as the premier resource for occupational therapy research and scholarship, working alongside researchers, educators, practitioners, community partners and students to build evidence-based practice that improves lives.



WHAT WE DO

ADVANCING OT RESEARCH

Research Funding: Funding innovative studies that advance occupational therapy practice

Academy of Research: Honoring distinguished scholars leading innovation

Awards and Honors: Recognizing outstanding contributions to OT science

EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Scholarships: Providing financial support to future occupational therapy leaders

Continuing Education: Offering resources for lifelong learning and professional development

Evidence-Based Practice Resources: Translating research findings into practical applications

DISSEMINATING RESEARCH AND INSIGHTS

OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research: Publishing peer-reviewed research

Research Resources Library: Curated collection of funding, training and dissemination toolkits

Research Colloquiums: Hosting annual gatherings for knowledge exchange and networking



GRADUATE STUDENT/CLINICIAN OT STUDENT

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Post-Baccalaureate, Associate, State Scholarships

Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) Awards

MENTORSHIP & TRAINING FUNDS

The Dr. Carolyn Baum Cognitive Function in Daily Life Mentor Award

STRIDE Mentored Research Scholarship

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Gary Kielhofner Research Scholarship in OT

Bonita Kraft OT Doctoral Student Scholarship

Dr. A. Jean Ayres Doctoral Candidate Scholarship

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Nedra Gillette Endowed Research Fellowship

Nancy Talbot Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

OT FACULTY/EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER GRANTS

New! Hand in Hand Research Grant

New! Community Engaged Research Grant

Intervention Research Grant

Implementation Research Grant

OPENING JAN 2026

OPENING SEPT/JUN 2025

OPENING JAN 2026

OPENING JAN 2026

OPENING AUG 2025

OUR IMPACT AT-A-GLANCE

**\$4.5
MILLION+**
in research grants
and scholarships
awarded

600+
funded research
projects influencing
practice nationwide

1,200+
student scholarships
supporting the next
generation of OT
professionals

15,000+
practitioners
applying evidence-
based interventions
developed through
AOTF-funded
research

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

All AOTF mission activities rely on philanthropic support. Your donation to AOTF directly contributes to:

- ✓ Advancing breakthrough research that improves patient outcomes
- ✓ Empowering people of all abilities to live fuller, more independent lives
- ✓ Developing evidence-based interventions for pressing healthcare challenges
- ✓ Bolstering research capacity and participation opportunities
- ✓ Supporting talented students pursuing careers in occupational therapy
- ✓ Closing the gap in funding for early-stage research studies

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RECURRING GIFT**



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SCIENTISTS**

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