

## **AADOCR, ADEA and Friends of NIDCR 2023 Advocacy Day: Organizational Asks**

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR), the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and the Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) urge Congress to prioritize funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), and Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Title VII Oral Health Training Programs.

### **We have four “asks” for Members of Congress:**

1. Pass an FY 2024 budget with adequate increases for NIH and NIDCR. Specifically, support a funding level of at least **\$50.92 billion for the NIH** in FY 2024.
2. Support a funding level of at least **\$558 million for the NIDCR** in FY 2024.
3. Support a funding level of at least **\$46 million** for general and pediatric dental residency programs under **HRSA Title VII** in FY 2024.
4. Cosponsor and support the ***Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act*** (H.R.1202/S. 704).

The research and oral health programs supported by these federal agencies enhance the knowledge base of health professionals, researchers, and dental faculty members with the goal of improving dental clinical practices, preparing the dental workforce, closing the gap in dental health disparities, and addressing public health challenges, including pain biology and management, opioid use, rising e-cigarette use among teens, temporomandibular joint disorders (TMJDs), and human papillomavirus (HPV)-positive oral cancers.

### **About AADOCR**

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being. AADOCR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit and private-sector institutions who share our mission. AADOCR is the largest division of the International Association for Dental Research.

### **About ADEA**

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is The Voice of Dental Education. Our mission is to lead and support the health professions community in preparing future-ready oral health professionals. Our members include all 80 U.S. and Canadian dental schools, more than 800 allied and advanced dental education programs, more than 55 corporations and approximately 15,000 individuals. Our activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty and leadership development, meetings, news and publications, including the esteemed Journal of Dental Education®.

### **About Friends of NIDCR**

The Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) is a broad-based coalition of academic and research institutions, professional associations and foundations that champion NIDCR, the world's largest institution dedicated exclusively to research to improve dental, oral and craniofacial health. With programmatic activities operated out of AADOCR, FNIDCR helps represent the interests of patients, researchers, educators, clinicians and students and the value they find in NIDCR and its critical research.