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## **AADOCR Names Recipients of the 2025 AADOCR Delta Dental Institute Oral Health Equity Research Award**

**Alexandria, VA** – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) has announced the recipients of the 2025 AADOCR Delta Dental Institute Oral Health Equity Research Award. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the AADOCR, which was held in conjunction with the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research, on March 12-15, 2025 in New York, NY.

The recipients are:

### **Access to Care Category**

- **Heidi longi and Jeri Bullock**, University of Utah, Salt Lake City  
Their research aims to evaluate the impact of integrating oral health services into the University of Utah West High School Clinic, an School-based Health Center serving the Salt Lake City School District.

### **Oral Health Literacy Category**

- **Kristin Hoeft**, University of California, San Francisco  
Her research aims to assess the implementation of teach-back education in the dental setting, including time, in order to develop best practices for its implementation and the design of a larger implementation and evaluation study.

Established in 2023 with generous support from the Delta Dental Institute, the AADOCR Delta Dental Institute Oral Health Equity Research Award supports two research awards of \$25,000 each in the areas of 1) advancing recommendations for greater oral health equity in populations that lack access to dental care, and 2) improving oral health literacy for underserved populations.

### **About AADOCR**

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research 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, Oral, and Craniofacial Research. Learn more at [www.aadocr.org](http://www.aadocr.org).

### **About the Delta Dental Institute**

The Delta Dental Institute is dedicated to advancing oral health for all Americans in partnership with Delta Dental companies and dedicated partners across the country. With expertise rooted in Delta Dental's rich history of oral health leadership, we engage in and support oral health research, community outreach, and advocacy, striving to ensure that everyone understands the importance of oral health to overall health and has access to the care they need. Visit [deltadentalinstitute.com](http://deltadentalinstitute.com) for more information.