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AADOCR Announces New SCADA/Dentsply Sirona Research Award

Alexandria, VA – AADOCR and the Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application (SCADA) Alumni Association are pleased to announce the AADOCR SCADA/Dentsply Sirona Research Award.

The new award was created to support dentist-scientists, including SCADA program alumni, in their research careers. The award's immediate goal is to support early-stage dentist-scientists such as post-doctoral scholars and pre-tenure faculty members, with a long-term objective of increasing the number of successfully funded dentist-scientists at the higher ranks in science and academia in the fields of dental, oral, and craniofacial (DOC) biology.

The award is designed to support the academic and scientific development of dentist-scientists toward an independent research career or a new area of research. Recipients will receive up to \$10,000 to be put towards the candidate's research, the establishment of their research infrastructure, the completion of a research project, or preparing research for publication. As part of the terms of the award, the recipient must submit a report within 12 months of receipt of the award funding that describes the results of the progress achieved as a result of the award.

"The award introduces a new source of funding for dentist-scientists and is another example of how the AADOCR, its partners, and the SCADA Alumni Association support research in dental, oral, and craniofacial sciences," said AADOCR President Effie Ioannidou.

Applicants will be evaluated by a Special Committee of nine members made up of four SCADA Board alumni and five IADR/AADOCR members. Reviews will be based on scholarly excellence, quality and originality of projects, active commitment toward a career in DOC research, and personal needs related to challenges and/or obstacles in pursuit of an academic career. The first recipient of the new award will be formally announced at the 2026 AADOCR Annual Meeting and SCADA Awards Ceremony in San Diego, CA. The award is supported by a generous donation from the SCADA Alumni Association and AADOCR. Please visit the [award website](#) for more details.

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 IADR. Learn more at www.aadocr.org.