



Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA)

January 9, 2026

2026 American Association of Orthodontists Research Awards Council on Scientific Affairs

Hellman, Sicher, Graber Awards

Hellman, Sicher, Graber Lectures will be presented on Friday, May 1, 2026, from 12:30pm – 2:30pm

14 HSG applications received for consideration

Milo Hellman Research Award

3D Evaluation of Treatment Outcomes for Miniplate-Anchored Class II Growth Modification

Dr. Ashleigh
Kmentt UNC-
Chapel Hill

Harry Sicher Research Award

Vitamin D and Postnatal Mandibular Condyle Growth

Dr. Emilee Dudley
Texas A&M

Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit (next 3 titles)

Longitudinal Outcomes of Bone Anchored Maxillary Protraction Treatment

Dr. Christine Esposito
UNC-Chapel Hill

Use of customized alloplastic temporomandibular joint replacement in skeletally immature patients

Dr. Elizabeth
Celani Texas
A&M

Mechanical Properties of Thermoplastic and 3-D Printed Thermoset Orthodontic Aligner Materials

Dr. Bethany Cook

University of Michigan

- Marketing of 2026 Hellman, Sicher, Graber Award Application Availability
 - ADA and CDA orthodontic program chairs were emailed about application deadlines
 - AAO e-Bulletin was mentioned 06/26/25, 08/29/25, 9/25/25

- 2027 Hellman, Sicher, Graber Application – the application will be an online application. The online application will be available by March 16, 2026, and the deadline to submit will be Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 5:00pm CST.

Oral Research, e-Posters, Table Clinics

- Report on Oral Research, e-Poster, Table Clinic applications –Total of 358 Oral Research, e-Poster, Table Clinic applications: 57 Oral Research; 28 Table Clinic; 273 e-Poster

(last year: 437 total, 84 OR, 41 TC, 304 eP)

Oral Research:

- **57** Oral Research applications received and judged
- **17** accepted Oral Research applications
- **40** rejected Oral Research accepted for an e-Poster

Table Clinics:

- **28** Table Clinics applications received and judged
- **18** accepted Table Clinic applications
- **10** rejected Table Clinics accepted for an e-Poster

e-Poster:

- **273** e-Poster applications received and judged
- **269** accepted e-Poster applications
- **4** rejected e-Poster applications

- Marketing of 2025 Oral Research, E-Poster, Table Clinic Application Availability
 - Application went live on the AAO website on August 1, 2024, and was made inactive October 15, 2024, at 5:00pm CST.
 - Members were notified that the Invitation to Participate and online applications were available in the following publications:
 - ADA and CDA orthodontic program chairs were emailed about application deadlines on: August 12, 2025
 - AAO e-Bulletin – August 4, 2025, September 10, 2025, October 3, 2025
 - 2027 OR, TC, EP will be available starting June 1, 2026, and the deadline to submit will be October 15, 2026, at 5:00pm CST-George
 - E-Poster Viewing Statistics for 2025 E-Posters

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
E-poster Viewing					
Prior to Annual Session	1	100	156	0	1
During Annual Session End of AS through April (enter information if AS is in April)	1989	1905	984	678	n/a
	n/a	n/a	90	n/a	260
End of AS through May June July	2520	2174	1249	236	169
	3086	668	171	454	1259
	3427	1030	584	340	987

- An announcement about the 2025 E-Posters being available until July 31, 2025, was published in the following AAO e-Bulletins: May 15, 2025, June 19, 2025, July 24, 2025

Dr. William R Proffit Resident Scholar Award

- Online application and Invitation to Participate went live December 1, 2025.
- An email will be sent to all program chairs and department chairs regarding the availability of the online application on January 8, 2026
- AAO e-Bulletin: December 4, 2025
- Deadline is February 2, 2026
- Dr. Jacob has agreed to be the contact person for 2026.