

**Request for Proposals  
AACOM's Assembly of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Educators (AOGME)  
Osteopathic Recognition Curriculum Development Project**

Purpose:

AACOM's [Assembly of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Educators \(AOGME\)](#) is inviting proposals to develop a national curriculum that will assist graduate medical education (GME) training programs in obtaining and maintaining Osteopathic Recognition (OR) through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). This curriculum should be flexible enough to be delivered on-line or live, depending on the resources available at each program.

As we approach the conclusion of the transition period in the single GME accreditation system, Osteopathic Recognition is as an important mechanism to propagate osteopathic principles and practices in the post-graduate arena and maintain osteopathic distinctiveness.

As AOA-approved programs that have now achieved ACGME accreditation can focus on applying for Osteopathic Recognition, legacy ACGME-accredited programs with an interest in integrating osteopathic training in their delivery of education are also expressing interested in Osteopathic Recognition. Furthermore, surveys of osteopathic medical students have provided strong evidence that students see value in programs with OR<sup>1</sup>.

The [AACOM UME-GME Continuum Initiative](#) conducted needs assessments in 2018 and found that AOA-approved programs that have not achieved OR have cited a number of barriers to obtaining OR including:

- Faculty development
- Managing and completing the OR application
- Lack of expertise to develop and teach the curriculum
- How to include MD graduates into OR programs

While it is understood that programs with OR must have appropriate faculty to act as hands-on trainers and Directors of Osteopathic Education (DOEs), AACOM seeks to launch an initiative to provide on-line support for OR programs. This is not meant to be a complete 'turn-key' package, but a supplement to ease the burden, especially for community-based or rural programs without a strong connection to a nearby college of osteopathic medicine (COM).

Project:

The goal of this project is to create an online portal through the AACOM website with the following components:

- Clearinghouse of information for program directors and DOEs
- Resources for residents on osteopathic concepts
- Faculty development materials for residency programs concerning OR
- On-line curriculum with multi-media teaching modules for OR residents
- Mechanism for formative/summative feedback and evaluation

This RFP is requesting proposals for the development of an on-line curriculum that can be used at programs across the country to assist in achieving and maintaining Osteopathic Recognition. COMs,

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<sup>1</sup> AACOM Survey Results: Appeal of ACGME-accredited Programs with Osteopathic Recognition among Third-Year Osteopathic Medical Students: <https://www.aacom.org/news-and-events/single-gme/survey-results>

sponsoring institutions, Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions (OPTIs), hospitals and others may already have partial or full curricula which coincide with this project. All entities are eligible to apply.

Guidelines:

Proposals must include multi-media modules that are appropriate in an OR curriculum

- Curriculum may be complete or partial, or the proposal may include a methodology for the development of such a curriculum along with a timeline for completion.
- Modules should include video instruction that can be accessed across platforms, especially with handheld devices and tablets, in addition to computers.
- Participation of residents will need to be tracked in a way that is convenient for program directors.
- Mechanism for feedback and evaluation for participants must be described
- Description of ongoing management, continued development, oversight, and quality improvement of the project and the site should be included.

Budget and Timeline:

Please include a proposed budget and timeline for completion including a proposal for ongoing costs to maintain the site. For specific questions related to available funds for this project, contact Alegneta Long, Executive Director, AOGME at [along@acom.org](mailto:along@acom.org).

Grant Awards:

Upon review of the proposals received, all available funding may be awarded to a single applicant, partial funding to multiple applicants, or no funding at all.

Proposal Due Date

**All proposals must be received by July 1, 2019.** Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to [aogme@acom.org](mailto:aogme@acom.org).