



OMeGA receives \$7 million donation for US fellowship education

OMeGA Medical Grants Association (OMeGA) recently received a \$7 million donation from Zimmer Biomet to support fellowship education. This transformational donation will support all nine orthopaedic subspecialties for the 2020–2021 academic year.

Grant recipient program directors and their supported fellows truly understand the importance of fellowship funding. As one grant recipient program director wrote, "OMeGA funding is pivotal to our fellowship program. Non-conflicted support removes any bias and allows the fellow and program to focus their time and efforts strictly on education."

Rex Haydon, MD, OMeGA's immediate past president acknowledges Zimmer Biomet as OMeGA's founding supporter. "Zimmer Biomet has been a steadfast supporter since 2008. However, this current gift is substantially larger than in past years and is a huge step forward for nonconflicted graduate medical education support."

Andrew Freiberg, MD, Zimmer Biomet's chief medical officer said, "Training and education for orthopaedic fellows is incredibly important for the success of our orthopaedic profession. Zimmer Biomet is committed to supporting the future of orthopaedics through our support of OMeGA, with the largest single educational grant in the history of our company."

Kevin Black, MD, OMeGA's 2020 president, agreed with Dr. Haydon: "OMeGA and the programs we support are very grateful for Zimmer Biomet's generous donation. OMeGA also appreciates the support from all our donors because OMeGA's third-party grant-administration process works best when there are multiple companies supporting each grant recipient program."

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is the only third-party grant-administration organization that provides nonconflicted support for orthopaedic fellowships in all nine subspecialty categories. It uses a meritorious process based on objective criteria. It has awarded almost \$26 million through more than 1,100 graduate medical education grants, with more to come once 2020-2021 grants are announced. See www.omegamedicalgrants.org for more information.