

# Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship In Advanced Implant Surgery



## BACKGROUND

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation is proud to announce this new fellowship which supports a key area of practice for the future of Periodontology.

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) has adopted a 2020 Vision—a shared and positive view of the future of the periodontal specialty. This vision is based on the following mission statement:

“Our specialty will be known for advancing oral health and well-being through expertise in implants, periodontal medicine and oral plastic surgery.”

This means that the specialty believes in the future:

- More periodontal practice time will be dedicated to advanced surgical procedures
- Periodontists will be the first choice of referral for patients for these procedures
- The number of self-referred patients for implants, oral plastic and reconstructive procedures will increase
- Periodontal specialty training programs of the future will focus on advanced surgical techniques and related biomedical science
- Periodontists will continue to participate in research programs that yield new information regarding the successful use of dental implants.

In order to help move the specialty toward this future, the AAP Foundation has announced the Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery. This fellowship is named in honor of one of the specialty's true innovators in the field of implantology and is funded by 3i (Implant Innovations, Inc.). Dr. Lazzara practices periodontics and implant dentistry in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has published several articles and textbook chapters on the subject of osseointegrated implants. He is currently clinical associate professor at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry and associate clinical professor at the University of Maryland, Periodontal and Implant Regenerative Center. He has lectured extensively throughout the U.S. and internationally on the surgical and prosthetic application of implant dentistry.

## ELIGIBILITY

Application for the Fellowship is made jointly by a student in his/her third year of periodontal post-doctoral training in the United States and by the student's periodontal program director. The 12-month fellowship will take place at the accredited institution where the candidate is completing his/her training. The award is not to be used to replace support that would have normally been provided by the recipient's institution. The award should be considered a supplement to any salary, stipend or research support.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed applications must be received by the AAP Foundation by February 1. The application may be completed online and e-mailed as an attachment with supporting documentation mailed separately, or all materials may be mailed together.

A committee appointed by the Foundation President will review the applications and select three finalists. The three finalists will receive complimentary air travel and hotel accommodations to enable them to attend a mandatory personal interview with the selection committee. The interviews will be held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, at a mutually convenient time.

The Fellow will be selected by April 1. The Fellowship may begin upon the Fellow's completion of his/her periodontal training program, or upon the commencement of the last six months of the Fellow's periodontal program and continuing for six months after completion of the periodontal program. If the applicant reaches the level of finalist, members of the selection committee may call writers of recommendation letters and individuals mentioned by name in the applicant's personal statements and/or application letters.

## AWARD

The \$50,000 award is payable to both the Fellow and to his/her periodontal program. The Fellow will receive a stipend of \$35,000 in two payments. The program will receive \$15,000, payable in the third quarter, to offset overhead and administrative costs for the Fellowship. This award supplements the Fellow's other income.

# LAZZARA FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Must be received by AAP Foundation by February 1

Complete form online, save, and e-mail as an attachment to [AAPF\\_ED@perio.org](mailto:AAPF_ED@perio.org).

Mail supporting documentation to:  
Lazzara Fellowship / AAP Foundation  
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60611-6660

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Periodontal program \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Dental program attended \_\_\_\_\_

### **Materials Required**

**Letters of recommendation:** Provide three letters of recommendation which address the applicant's academic, clinical, research and personal achievements. One letter must be from the periodontal program director and another must be from a periodontist. One letter may be from a personal reference. The letters may be mailed to the Foundation individually, or attached to the application.

**Transcript of grades:** Transcripts from both dental school and postgraduate work are required. The transcripts may be sent directly to the Foundation, or may be attached to the application.

**Curriculum vitae:** Send a current curriculum vitae with the application form.

**Personal essay:** A personal essay of approximately 1,000 words should address the following:

- Why the candidate is applying for the Fellowship
- Career plans
- Research interests
- Expectations of the Fellowship experience

By submitting this application, you agree that if selected as a Fellow you will maintain a log of your program activities which you will submit to the AAP Foundation on a quarterly basis. This log will include the number of implants placed, and the type and number of site development or related surgical procedures completed.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Name of fellowship candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of program director \_\_\_\_\_

Periodontal program \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

It is expected that the Fellow's training and procedures performed will reflect the current state of the art in augmentation and regeneration procedures. The suggested Fellowship duration is 12 months for each Fellow, beginning immediately after the Fellow's completion of his/her periodontal program. The exact dates of the Fellowship will be at the Program Director's discretion, subject to the approval of the AAP Foundation.

**Please provide a description of how your institution would accomplish the following learning needs of the Fellow:**

1. **Clinical experience in surgical management of advanced implant cases.** Explain how the Fellow would gain in-depth knowledge and proficiency in the surgical management of implant cases, parenteral conscious sedation in accordance with ADA guidelines, implant site development, implant placement, and oral plastic surgical procedures to enhance the restorative reconstruction.
2. **Clinical research activity .** Explain how the Fellow will be involved in clinical research regarding dental implant projects. How will the Fellow be guided in his/her efforts to develop an article for submission to the Journal of Periodontology? As part of the award, the Fellow will be offered an opportunity to participate in an ongoing clinical research project conducted by 3i (Implant Innovations, Inc.)
3. **Education.** Please describe the interaction of the Fellow with undergraduate dental students, prosthodontic residents, AEGD residents, or GPRs. Will the Fellow be involved as a group leader in diagnosis and case planning in treatment planning seminars?

**By your signature below, you certify that:**

1. Our institution will provide prosthetic support to the Fellowship program. \_\_\_initial
2. The anesthesia training will include:
  - a. A four-week rotation in the anesthesia department of our institution's medical center or teaching hospital \_\_\_initial
  - b. Training in parenteral conscious sedation meeting the guidelines outlined by the most current revision of the ADA's Guidelines on the Teaching of the Control of Pain and Anxiety in Dentistry. \_\_\_initial
3. The advanced implant surgical training will include:
  - a. Implant site development including the achievement of proficiency in autogenous and bone substitute augmentation. \_\_\_initial
  - b. Autogenous harvesting techniques from intraoral donor sites. \_\_\_initial
  - c. Site development which must include management of the deficient maxilla, pneumatized maxillary sinus areas with both osteotome technique and lateral window approaches, inadequate ridge width cases, and management of vertical ridge deficiencies. \_\_\_initial
  - d. Didactic and related clinical experience in biologic wound healing enhancement materials and techniques. \_\_\_initial
  - e. The Fellow must spend a minimum of four days observing or assisting an attending physician in his/her private practice. \_\_\_initial

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Program Director signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date