

DGAO Research Award

The German Society for Aligner Orthodontics e.V. (DGAO) awards a sponsorship prize every two years to the amount of 27,500 Euros in total for one or more scientific studies/research projects in the field of aligner orthodontics. This prize is in each case awarded at the scientific DGAO conferences.

1. The DGAO sponsorship prize is awarded even for partially not yet published scientific studies/research projects in the field of aligner orthodontics. The award can be divided over several prize winners.
2. All licensed dentists can apply for the DGAO sponsorship prize, either alone or together with others as a research group.
3. Award monies: 1st prize EUR 15,000, 2nd prize: EUR 7,500 and 3. prize EUR 5,000.
4. If members of the awards committee apply, they will forfeit the prize money in case of an award.
5. If a research group applies, then the group will be awarded as prize winner. The entire prize money is paid to the speaker of the group, all members of the group will, however, receive a sponsorship award certificate.
6. The money is to be used exclusively for the submitted research project. The DGAO retains the right to check the use of the monies.
7. It is mandatory for the award-winning work/award-winning research projects to be presented at the next scientific meeting of the DGAO after completion and to be published in form of an article on the Internet homepage of the DGAO. In addition, publication in advance or thereafter in a trade journal is expressly wished.
8. Any patent claims or registered designs remain the property of the award winner/award-winning group under all circumstances.
9. All studies/project descriptions must be submitted anonymously in German or English, but with a code, to the DGAO offices (German Association for Aligner Orthodontics e.V., Lindenspuestr. 29C, 70176 Stuttgart, Germany). In addition, an envelope should be enclosed which contains the code and all the contact data of the applicant.
10. The study/research project should be the intellectual property of the applicant(s), and an appropriate declaration is to be submitted with the contact data.
11. The final submission deadline is the 30. June of the year in which a scientific conference for aligner orthodontics is held.
12. The award committee consists of the entire board of the DGAO and an external scientific specialist designated by the entire board. The decision of the committee is made to the best of their knowledge and is binding.
13. Should the submitted studies/research projects not meet the general usual scientific quality criteria, then no award will be made.
14. Submissions not receiving an award will be returned to their senders.