

**THE CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (CFOT) Research
Advisory Committee Report 2012**

At the CFOT Luncheon Symposium held at the Occupational Therapy Association of California's (OTAC) Annual Conference in October, 2012, Research Grant and Seed Monies were awarded. **Leah Stein OTR/L, [Ph.D. (cand) at the University of Southern California]** received a research grant award of \$4,000 to support her study entitled "Physiological Measures of Arousal and Sensory Responsivity in Home and Dental Environments in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders".

A grant of \$2,600.00 was also awarded to **Deborah Bolding, MS, OTR/L** to support the research she is conducting for her Ph.D. entitled "Factors influencing professional role behaviors by high-achieving practitioners in acute hospitals".

Four Seed Money Research or Program/Projects were also awarded:

Mira Goodman, Bethany Keener, Nicole King, Janet Lovitt, Alexandra Milley and Diane Warzecha: *The Lived Experience of Homeless Mothers Participating in an Occupational Therapy Leisure Craft Group.*

Natalie Pfeister, Chelsey Cook, Kathryn Ronquillo, and Catherine Tran: *Effects of Infant Message on Stress Levels of Mothers Living in a Homeless Shelter.*

Kiersten Lednik, Angela Lee, Claire Panziera, Alexandra Parker, and Sarah Mendevil: *Investigating what is Meaningful in the Day to Day Lives of Homeless Teenagers Through the Use of Photography and In-Depth Interviews.*

Denise Ha, OTR/L, CBIS: *Rancho OT Works Vocational Enterprises: A Program to Enhance Productivity and Quality of Life for Individuals in Physical Rehabilitation.*

Congratulations to these worthy recipients!

The Research Advisory Committee would like to extend gratitude to those grant reviewers who gave so generously of their time and expertise. We continue to offer the following funding opportunities to members of OTAC:

Seed Money

Up to \$250.00 (per request) in "**seed**" money awarded to practicing OTs or OT students to help with items like equipment, consultation fees, printing, postage, communications, & supplies used for research or program development projects that address occupational therapy and general practice.

“Seed” money will be distributed 4 times per year. Requests are reviewed quarterly and can be submitted throughout the year.

Research Grants

Awards for **research grants** are available for up to \$7000.00. These requests can be for similar items as listed above. Priority is given to clinical outcome studies.

Research grants will be awarded once each year at the CFOT Luncheon during the annual OTAC Conference. Grant requests must be submitted by June 30th each year.

No seed or grant money request is too small!

Please visit the CFOT website and click on Research Grants for details / guidelines, including how to apply for either a grant or seed money.

The Research Grant Advisory Committee is available to answer your questions, and give guidance on the process. More detailed information on how to contact us is on the CFOT website under Research Grants. We are:

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We look forward to hearing from you and providing **MONEY** for qualifying OT research and program development projects!