



**Press Release:**  
**The ITI provides research funding for implant dentistry projects.**

**Over 320 research projects supported with a total of more than 36 million Swiss francs**

**Basel, Switzerland, October 10, 2011** – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based education and research in the field of implant dentistry, has dedicated more than 36 million Swiss francs to funding research projects since 1988.

The ITI Research Committee meets each year in May and November to evaluate applications and decide on how to allocate the annual research budget. According to its own estimates, the ITI is the largest international, non-governmental organization to award research grants in the field of implant dentistry. To date, the ITI has supported more than 320 research projects.

Younger practitioners who have ideally already gathered some basic research experience can apply for a Small Grant with financial support of up to 50,000 Swiss francs. These funds make it possible for them to broaden their sphere of responsibility as well as their range of experience.

More experienced researchers have the possibility to benefit from a Clinical or Laboratory Research Grant with financial support of up to 200,000 Swiss francs for their projects. This opportunity is open only to those researchers who have already made a name for themselves in the field of implant dentistry and have been published in respected specialist journals.

Applications submitted to the ITI should address an issue of current clinical relevance. In return for financial support, the ITI expects the results of the study to be published in a specialist journal of repute.

The 10-strong ITI Research Committee evaluates the applications submitted on the basis of the following criteria: relevance of the study to current issues in implant dentistry; hypothesis and methodology; degree of experience of the applicant and the research environment; transparent and realistically formulated budget. By promoting research in implant dentistry, the ITI aims to continuously monitor and develop treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of the patient.

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Application forms can be downloaded from the ITI's international website [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org) and submitted by email to [research@iticenter.ch](mailto:research@iticenter.ch) by February 27 or August 31 each year, respectively.

#### **About the ITI**

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who now number more than 9,500 in total, regularly share their knowledge and expertise from research and clinical practice at meetings, courses and congresses with the objective of continuously improving treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of their patients.

In more than 30 years, the ITI has built a reputation for scientific rigor combined with concern for the welfare of patients. The organization focuses on the development of well-documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and the compilation of long-term results. The ITI funds research as well as Scholarships for young clinicians, organizes congresses and continuing education events and also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series. [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org).

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