The Educational and Research Foundation for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is pleased to announce this year’s awardees for the Bernstein Grant Program. The Leslie Bernstein Grants Program is generously funded by an endowment from Leslie Bernstein, MD, DDS. The program is coordinated by the Research Committee of the Educational and Research Foundation for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Centralized Otolaryngology Research Efforts (C.O.R.E.). There are three grants available through the program:

1. **The Bernstein Grant**. The purpose of the grant is to encourage original research projects which will advance facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. A $25,000 grant may be awarded annually to an Academy Member. Grants may be used as seed money for research projects.

2. **The Investigator Development Grant**. The purpose of the Investigator Development Grant is to support the work of a young faculty member in facial plastic surgery conducting significant clinical or laboratory research and involved in the training of resident surgeons in research. One $15,000 grant may be awarded each year.

3. **Resident Research Grant**. The purpose of the Resident Research Grant is to stimulate resident research in projects that are well-conceived and scientifically valid. The resident grant is a $5,000 award given to residents who are AAFPRS members.

This year the Foundation is presenting two individuals with the Resident Research Grant. Each will be acknowledged at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ in October.

**Chelsea Troiano, MD** – Dr. Troiano is a resident at the Boston Medical Center. Her research project is titled “Effects of Electronic Cigarette Vaping on Random Flap Viability in Rats”.

**Joanna Kam, MD** – Dr. Kam is a resident at Henry Ford Health System. Her project is titled “Effects of Keloid Derived Exosomes on Normal Fibroblast Function”.

![Chelsea Troiano, MD](image1.jpg)  
![Joanna Kam, MD](image2.jpg)
The Foundation is pleased to announce the awardees of the 2017 Research Center Awards. The Many Faces of Generosity campaign provided funding to expand the research efforts among its members and as such has established two grants and a scholarship.

1. **The Research Scholar Award** is a $30,000 grant presented annually and renewable for an additional two years. It is given to the candidates that demonstrate the potential to make a significant contribution to the profession of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery and will make meaningful contributions to the field.

2. **The Clinical Research Scholarship** is a $15,000 contribution intended to provide financial support to AAFPRS members to pursue academic training in the principles of clinical research design, data management, statistical analysis, and manuscript and grant preparation.

3. **The AAFPRS Clinical Investigation Award** is presented for smaller projects to be awarded to those surgeons who don’t normally participate in research projects but have smaller, meaningful projects that could contribute to facial plastic surgery. These grants are meant to foster continued contribution from members to the field of facial plastic surgery. A grant of $2,500 is available.

**John J. Chi, MD** has been presented with the **AAFPRS Clinical Research Scholarship** for year two of his studies. Dr. Chi is pursuing a Master of Health Population Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine.

Please join us in Phoenix, AZ at the Grants and Awards presentation at the 2017 Fall Meeting this October 28 to acknowledge and congratulate these individuals.

To learn more about any of the Research Center opportunities or the Bernstein Program, go to [http://www.aafprs.org/research/research-center](http://www.aafprs.org/research/research-center) or contact Karen Sloat, Senior Project Consultant, [ksloat@aafprs.org](mailto:ksloat@aafprs.org) or 703-299-9291 Ext 230.