

# RECENT TITLE VII DENTAL GRANTS OF INTEREST TO PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY



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## DENTAL FACULTY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (FY 2017 AWARDEES)

Thanks to favorable Congressional report language, \$884,000 in total was awarded. Each awardee program will administer the loan repayment and identify the individual recipient (s) of such funds. **All 10 awardees met the preference for pediatric dental faculty.** These were defined in HRSA's Notice of Funding Opportunity as individuals who have completed a pediatric dental residency, have an appointment in a division or department of pediatric dentistry, and who teach in the field of pediatric dentistry at either the predoctoral or postdoctoral residency level. The awardees were:

- Loma Linda University (Loma Linda, Calif.)
- Howard University (Washington, D.C.)
- Augusta University (Augusta, Ga.)
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital of Miami (Miami, Fla.)
- University of Illinois-Chicago (Chicago, Ill.)
- University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- University of Mississippi (Jackson, Miss.)
- Bronx-Lebanon Hospital (New York, N.Y.)
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- University of Tennessee (Memphis, Tenn.)

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HRSA awarded \$229,000 for these new grants in fiscal year (FY) 2018. Overall, \$1.9 million was provided for DFLRP in FY 2018 to cover awardees from the two prior grant cycles (FYs 2016 and 2017). The loan repayment program extends for five years, repaying a higher amount each year so long as the benefitted individual remains a full-time faculty member.<sup>1</sup> **The AAPD understands that eight of the 11 new grantees have a pediatric dental component.** The awardees were:

- Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
- University of Southern California (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- Pueblo Community College (Pueblo, Colo.)
- Holyoke Health Center (Holyoke, Mass.)
- University of Nevada (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Oregon Health & Science University (Portland, Ore.)
- The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio)
- University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- University Of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus (San Juan, P.R.)
- Palmetto Health (Columbia, S.C.)
- University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (Houston, Texas)

## HRSA FY 2017 GRANTS FOR PREDOCTORAL PEDIATRIC TRAINING IN GENERAL DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE

HRSA awarded new grants in FY 2017 focused on improving pediatric dental training opportunities in predoctoral (dental school) programs. The goal is to enhance clinical predoctoral dental and dental hygiene training focusing on children ages 0-5 to improve the oral health of vulnerable, underserved, and rural pediatric populations. HRSA allocated \$4.4 million for this competition, which included a small childhood obesity prevention supplement. These are five-year awards, with up to \$300,000 available per grantee per year.

Grantee	State	Grantee	State
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Ala.	University of Michigan	Mich.
Western University of Health Sciences	Calif.	Temple University	Pa.
Meharry Medical College	Tenn.	University of Pennsylvania	Pa.
Nova Southeastern University	Fla.	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Texas
University of Hawaii	Hawaii	Virginia Commonwealth University	Va.
University of Illinois	Ill.	University of Washington	Wash.
Boston University	Mass.		

<sup>1</sup>The institution will pay an amount equal to 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 percent of the student loan balance, upon completion of each year of service.

## PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY TITLE VII GRANTS – FY 2015 AWARDEES (FIVE YEAR GRANTS)

### HRSA Title VII Pediatric Dentistry Grants - FY 2018 Funding Level

Grantee Name	State	Amount
<b>PREDOCTORAL – Pediatric Dentistry-focused or collaborative grants</b>		
UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	CA	\$309,564
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	NY	\$340,793
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	NY	\$344,409
<b>POSTDOCTORAL – Pediatric Dentistry-focused or collaborative grants</b>		
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES	CA	\$806,015
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	CT	\$534,724
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY.	FL	\$791,725
NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	FL	\$564,743
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	IL	\$484,768
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	MA	\$758,409
TUFTS COLLEGE	MA	\$797,465
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	NE	\$512,339
BRONX LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER	NY	\$801,897
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	NY	\$812,803
NY CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORP.	NY	\$561,777
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER	NY	\$740,798
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	PA	\$564,768
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	TX	\$810,426
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY	VA	\$555,863
	<b>TOTAL=</b>	<b>\$11,093,286</b>

## PROFILES OF SELECT FY 2015 PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY POSTDOCTORAL GRANTEES (FIVE YEAR GRANTS)

- Dentists and other health care providers who treat patients with **autism spectrum disorder (ASD)** require special training to understand the skills and techniques needed to care for this growing population. At **Nova Southeastern University (NSU) College of Dental Medicine** the grant allowed for the development of a curriculum addressing the transition of children and adolescents with ASD to adult dental care and increased access to dental care for children and adolescents with special health care needs such as ASD. NSU currently has pediatric special needs dental clinics at NSU's Mailman Segal Center for Human Development in Davie, Florida, and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, and also operates a pediatric dental clinic at Kids in Distress in Fort Lauderdale.
- In collaboration with Building Healthy Futures, an Omaha nonprofit that aims to improve health for underserved children and youth, the **University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Dentistry** developed a plan to provide dental care to children in need right at their own schools. **The grant allowed residents to go into ten Omaha Public Schools and provide restorative care using a portable dental unit.** UNMC also worked with dental clinics at Charles Drew Health Center, One World and Creighton University along with their own pediatric clinic to help establish dental homes for these children. Previous Title VII grants allowed UNMC College of Dentistry to increase its off-site rotations to additional rural communities, and also train physicians about infant oral health while demonstrating the use of tele-dentistry services in rural physicians' offices. Title VII funding also led to a pediatric dentist opening a practice in the western half of state where there had never been a pediatric dentist.
- Boston University School of Dental Medicine** is using its funding to establish a team-based inter-professional pediatric dental care model for underserved children and children with special health care needs, partnering with primary care pediatrics. They are also creating an integrated 3 year combined residency training program in pediatric dentistry and dental public health.
- Funding received by the **University of Pittsburgh** is supporting the expansion of the current residency program in pediatric dentistry that includes two multidisciplinary program tracks specializing in the care of patients in underserved rural settings and special needs populations. One track focuses on providing advanced dental care to the special needs community and the second focuses on dental public health policy and practices for children in the rural and underserved areas of northern Appalachia. The funding gives the pediatric dental residency program an opportunity for educating additional residents to be dually-trained and providing much needed dental services to the region's most vulnerable populations. Pitt's Dental School expanded its collaboration with the Department of Family Medicine, the Center for Patients with Special Needs and many regional and national community health partners to provide residents family-oriented, community-based training that emphasizes cultural competency.
- The **Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry** grant funded the development of a new interprofessional curriculum, purchase of teledentistry equipment and expansion the pediatric dental residency program at two clinical care sites. Pediatric dentistry residents gained the opportunity to participate in the VCU Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care's educational programs while providing dental care for children at various clinical sites. **Residents provide care at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU and the Piedmont Regional Dental Center, which is a safety net dental practice in Orange, Virginia.** The grant also covered the cost of dental technology equipment such as a digital X-ray and an intra-oral video camera. The new technology enabled pediatric dentistry residents to provide consultation services for children at rural sites without necessitating a trip to a dental office.