

AOTF

THE AMERICAN
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
FOUNDATION



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For almost 60 years, the American Occupational Therapy Foundation has been *the* nation's leading non-profit investing in occupational therapy research to improve practice and health.

MISSION:

To advance the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities.

AOTF is working for you by:

- Building new evidence in demand by clinicians, clients, payers and policy makers
- Bolstering the OT workforce and building research capacity
- Disseminating new knowledge to practitioners and raising the visibility of OT to the public
- Forging new partnerships to address priority needs



AOTF Research Priorities

- Health Promotion, Prevention and Management of Chronic Conditions
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Technology and Environmental Supports in the Home and Community
- Development and Transitions for Individuals and Families
- Equitable Access and Use of Health and Community Services
and Participation
- Family and Caregiver Support
- Novel Practice Areas and Approaches to Service Delivery

AOTF Research Grants

Intervention Research Grant (IRG): The IRG provides seed funding for early-stage research studies to collect pilot data and build proof of concept to lay the necessary groundwork for larger intervention studies.

Health Services Research (HSR): HSR examines how people get access to health care, how and what care is delivered, the cost of care and patient outcomes. HSR is a multidisciplinary field that studies how social factors, financing systems organizational structures, health technologies and personal behaviors affect access to care, quality of care and the well-being of health-care consumers.

Implementation Research Grants (IR): IR focuses on helping occupational therapists take evidence-informed practice from theory to reality in their practice setting. This research grant develops and evaluates the processes used to implement, sustain, and or scale-up evidence-based practice into routine care with an end goal to improve the quality and effectiveness of care.

All of these grants occupy an important niche as they are one of the few opportunities OT researchers have to obtain financial support for new and novel ideas.



AOTF Training Grant

STRIDE Mentored Research Scholarship

AOTF's Standing for Research Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (STRIDE) committee offers research funds to occupational therapy (OT) graduates and clinicians to address the urgent need of broadening their representation in OT research.

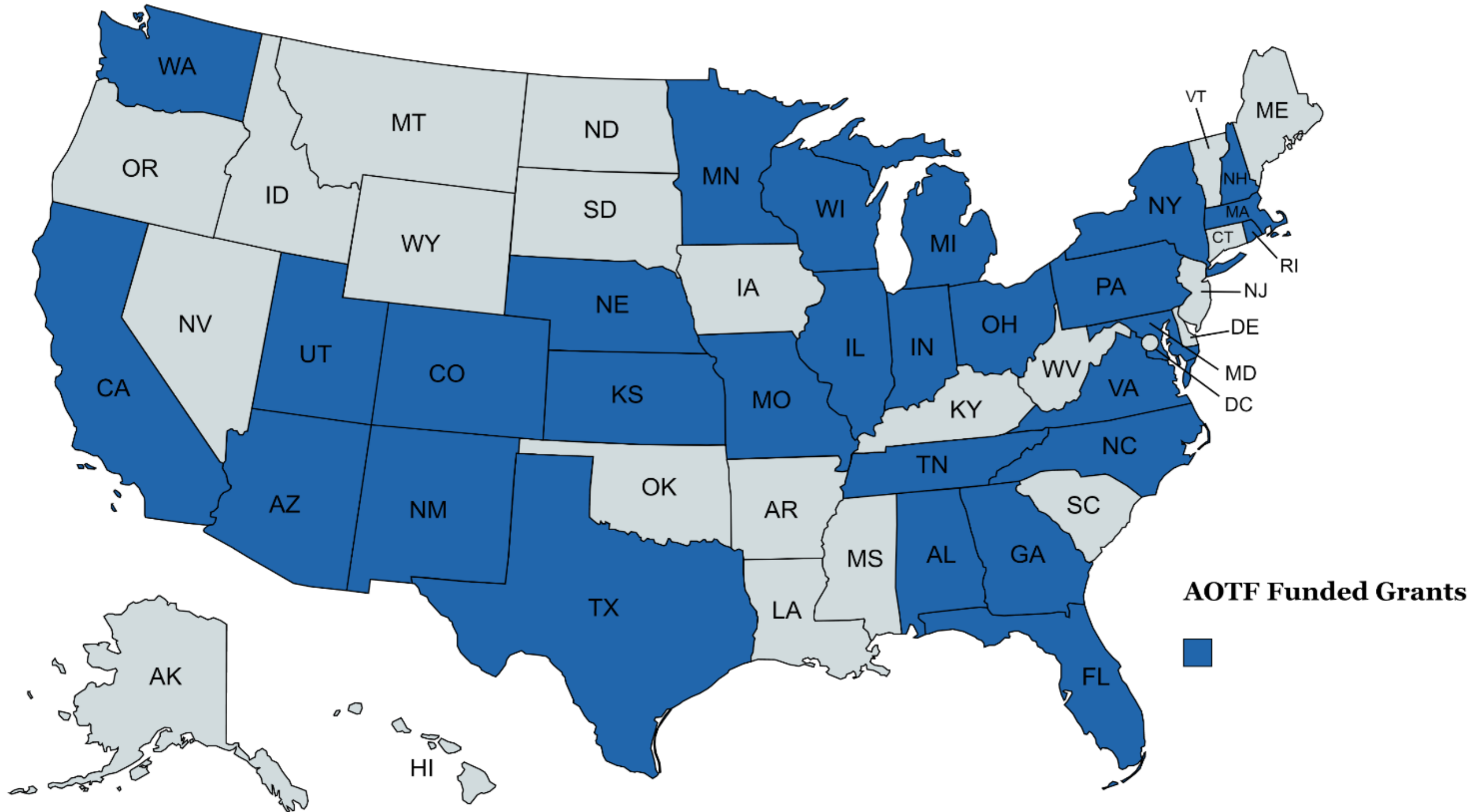
Goal: This research fund will support their participation in a mentored research experience at an institution other than their own.

- A Master's (OT) or OTD graduate, part or a full-time OT clinician.
- From an under-represented background, with disabilities, and/or from under-resourced backgrounds.

Please refer to the [NIH link regarding information on underrepresented groups](#).



States With AOTF Funded Grants





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Celebrating Research Excellence

- Academy of Research
- Early and Mid-Career Research Excellence Awards
- Ayres, Bridle & Scardina Research Awards
- Pi Theta Epsilon: The National OT Honor Society

Events and Programs

- Breakfast With A Scholar
- State of the Science Symposium
- Research Excellence Symposium
- Planning Grant Collective
- AOTF ENGAGE Summit
- Webinars (many eligible for CEUs)

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THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOUNDATION 2024
ENGAGE SUMMIT

OCTOBER
10 - 11 | 2024

Hilton Alexandria • Old Town • Virginia

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A place where community partners and occupational therapy researchers can:

- . Showcase their high-quality, community engaged research
- . Build capacity to conduct research that makes a difference in people's lives and communities

Scan for updates-Abstracts opening soon!



AOTF Resources for You

OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health



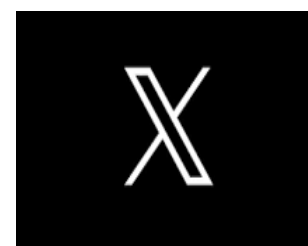
Workshop in Implementation Science and Health Services: WISH
Advancing Grant Writing Skills for Rehabilitation Researchers

Training in Diversity for Rehabilitation Research

TiDE: The rehabilitation research **T**rainin**D** in **D**iversity **E**ducation program trains current clinician scientists and graduate students from populations underrepresented in biomedical science in the skills and knowledge needed to transform the culture of research.

Monthly e-Newsletter

Research Resources webpage, listing of NIH, PCORI, NSF links as well as database and training opportunity links



AOTF For OT Students

Scholarships for OT Students

Over 50 Scholarships awarded annually to OT, OTA and OTD students. Scholarships support OT students from under-represented minorities in occupational therapy, those who have demonstrated leadership and volunteerism, area/discipline focus of career and geographic eligibility

Scholarships for Future OT Scientists: Financial support for OTs enrolled in doctoral degree programs

The Gary Kielhofner Doctoral Student Scholarship

Bonita Kraft Occupational Therapy Doctoral Student Scholarship

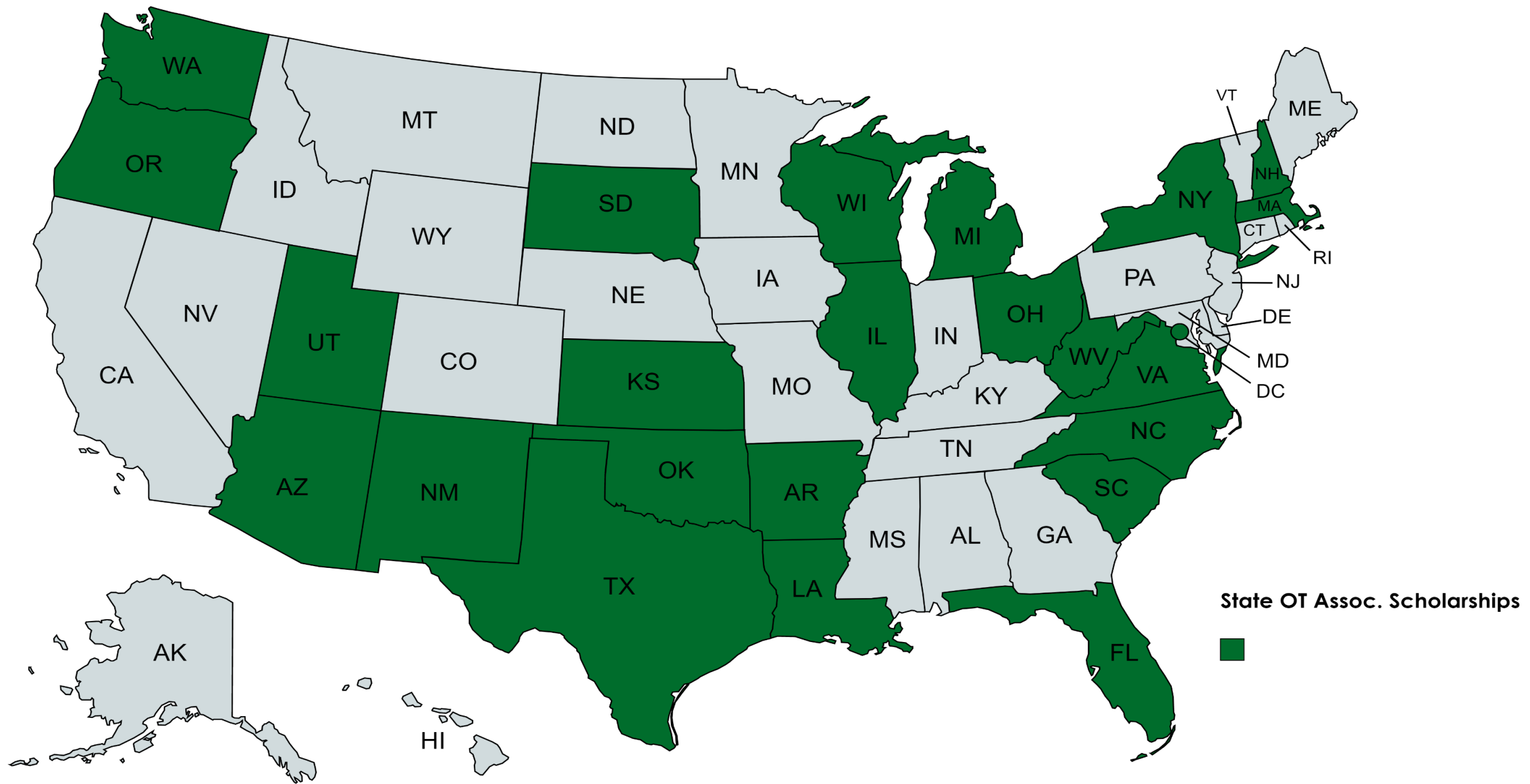
A. Jean Ayres Occupational Therapy Doctoral Candidate Scholarship

Fellowships for OT Researchers: Financial support for OT researchers in post-doctoral positions

Nedra Gillette Research Fellowship

Nancy Talbot Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

State OT Associations With Scholarships at AOTF



The Lands Banks Memorial Scholarship

Lands Banks was the Manager of Administration and Facilities for the American Occupational Therapy Association for over 25 years.

Lands was an invaluable asset to AOTA, an instrumental fixture whose dedication and positive attitude created an enthusiastic and productive association that has impacted thousands of occupational therapy professionals. Sadly, Lands passed away in July 2023 and to honor his memory and his legacy a new scholarship has been established to provide financial aid to occupational therapy students.



The Lands Banks Memorial Scholarship in Occupational Therapy will provide a \$2,000 scholarship to a student enrolled in an AOTA accredited occupational therapy degree program.

Eligible candidates must be pursuing an entry-level degree, i.e., OTA, MOT, MSOT or OTD at a US institution, must be enrolled as a full-time student, and must have completed at least one year of coursework. In addition, candidates for this scholarship must demonstrate their role in community service and/or a service leadership role.

Preference for this scholarship will be given to students from historically under-represented minorities in the field of occupational therapy.

AOTF For OT Students

- **PTE Honor Society**- 142 active chapters



- **Scroll & Pen**
- **OT Summit Travel Grants**

AOTF 2024 ST. CATHERINE CHALLENGE

This national, student-led fundraising initiative raises money to support AOTF IRGs.

Alumni giving is a wonderful way to support your alma mater and OT research.

1 gift, 2 impacts!

In 2024 over \$57,000 was raised



AOTF is an essential organization for occupational therapy because only AOTF is....

- Funding Early-stage OT research studies across a diverse landscape of topics to build evidence in demand
- Investing in research mentorship, grant writing and the research enterprise to strengthen the future leaders in OT
- Providing research resources to the profession to improve practice and health
- Raising the visibility of OT and OT evidence

All our work is made possible solely through philanthropic gifts and the generosity of our donors and volunteers.

AOTF is here for you. Will you be here for AOTF?

Volunteer With AOTF

AOTF is enabled and enriched by our volunteers. These dedicated friends of the Foundation are vital to deliver our grants, awards and programs

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