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RSNA Press Release

RSNA R&E Foundation Awards \$4 Million in Grants for 2016

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OAK BROOK, Ill. — The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Research and Education (R&E) Foundation will fund 101 grants totaling \$4 million in 2016—the highest amount ever awarded by the Foundation.

The RSNA R&E Foundation leads the specialty in funding radiologic research and educational initiatives. Since 1984, the Foundation has awarded more than \$50 million in funding to more than 1,300 projects. This year, the Foundation has achieved an impressive funding rate of 30 percent.

The Foundation represents a critical source of early support for young investigators and educators. These awards provide opportunities for individuals to become engaged in research and excited about the prospect of pursuing a career in academic radiology. RSNA R&E Foundation grant recipients are poised to lead research efforts in the future that will extend beyond radiology into every area of patient care.

This year's awards will fund individuals at 54 institutions. Two international recipients—one from India and one from Nigeria—were awarded Education Scholar Grants.

"We were extremely fortunate this year to have received so many strong grant applications. It is with great pride that for the first time the RSNA R&E Foundation will be providing \$4 million in support and funding almost 30 percent of submissions to foster academic careers for young investigators," said Burton P. Drayer, M.D., R&E Foundation Board of Trustees chairman.

An R&E Foundation grant is a pathway to greater funding. Every dollar awarded by the Foundation results in more than \$40 of additional funding received as principal or co-investigator by sources including the National Institutes of Health, corporations and private foundations.

"This record level funding would be impossible without the generous financial support received from the entire radiology community. We are profoundly grateful for this commitment to the future made by numerous individuals, our private practice partners and corporate supporters," Dr. Drayer said.

In addition to supporting the individual recipients and their institutions, the grants benefit radiology as a whole. The research and educational initiatives funded by the Foundation today lay the groundwork for the discoveries, tools and techniques that advance radiologic practice in the years to come.

RSNA is an association of more than 54,000 radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists, promoting excellence in patient care and health care delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. (RSNA.org)

The mission of the RSNA R&E Foundation is to improve patient care by supporting research and education in radiology and related scientific disciplines through funding grants and awards to individuals and institutions that will advance radiologic research, education and practice. (RSNA.org/Foundation)