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## AMTA to Commit \$2.5 Million in Funding to MTF for Massage Therapy Research

For over 35 years, AMTA has been a steadfast supporter of MTF, serving as our sustaining benefactor and playing a pivotal role in advancing research and programs that benefit the entire profession.

Their historic investment in massage therapy research—\$2.5 million over the next five years—will drive powerful advances and strengthen the profession. **MTF is deeply grateful for AMTA's commitment and support, and excited for what the future holds!**



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## IMTRC Early Bird Registration, Plenary Speakers

2025 International Massage Therapy Research Conference is excited to announce its full speaker lineup, including researchers, integrative care leaders, medical professionals, and massage therapy thought leaders and advocates. Additional speakers to come.

- Geoffrey Bove, DC, PhD
- Tina Brown, PhD(c), MA, LMT
- Cal Cates, LMT
- Jill Cole MA, LMT, BCTMB
- Jeffery A. Dusek, PhD (*Keynote*)
- Jennifer Esala, PhD
- Sarah Fogarty, PhD, LMT
- Tracy Gaudet, MD (*Keynote*)
- Hunter Groninger, MD
- Kathryn Hansen, PhD, MSN, ANP-BC
- Ann Blair Kennedy, DrPH, LMT, BCTMB
- Niki Munk, PhD, LMT
- Cynthia Price, PhD, MA, LMT
- Portia B. Resnick, PhD, ATC, BCTMB
- Tracy Rupp, PhD, M.Ac, L.Ac
- Samantha Zabel, MA, PhD(c)

[Check Out the Speaker Bios](#)



**Get your tickets now—Early Bird registration ends February 17!** Learn about the latest research, connect with colleagues, and gain insight into research-informed practice. We hope you will join us as we shine a light on the future of massage therapy research!

[Register Today](#)

**amta** *The American Massage Therapy Association is honored to be the Presenting Sponsor for IMTRC 2025*

**Call for Abstracts**  
**Apply by January 31, 2025**

International Massage Therapy Research Conference

## ***IJTMB Welcomes New Associate Editor***



The Massage Therapy Foundation and the Registered Massage Therapists of British Columbia are pleased to welcome John Winslow, DPT, OCS, MTC, ATC, as a new Associate Editor for the *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (IJTMB)*.

Winslow brings over 30 years of clinical experience as an orthopedic manual therapist and a wealth of academic and research expertise.

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## **Grants and Contests**

The following MTF grants and contests are now open, with application deadlines as follows:

- [2025 IMTRC Poster Abstract: January 31, 2025](#)
- [Research Support Grant \(up to \\$30k\): February 1, 2025](#)
- [Research Award \(over \\$30k\): March 1, 2025](#)
- [Community Service Grant: March 3, 2025](#)
- [Jacquelyn Project Breast Cancer Community Service Grant: March 3, 2025](#)
- [Practitioner & Student Case Report Contests: June 1, 2025](#)
- [Bob King Community Service for Schools: Next quarterly deadline March 1, 2025](#)

## **Research Grant Process Ends Soon!**

**Application Deadline - Under 30k Grant:  
February 1, 2025**

**LOI Deadline - Over 30k Award:  
March 1, 2025**



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