Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP): Two grantees will each be awarded $40,000 to advance Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) research. FOP is a rare genetic disorder that causes bone to form in muscles, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues. Bridges of extra bone develop across joints, progressively restricting movement and forming a second skeleton that imprisons the body in bone. These grants are made possible by Team #cureFOP and the International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association.

Proposals for funding should be focused on one of the following two research areas:

- Research that seeks to identify biomarkers, including novel imaging techniques, capable of measuring and predicting early FOP disease progression and/or treatment response;
- Research that investigates and further elucidates the immunologic mechanisms in FOP.

Awardees of the research funding may have access to the IFOPA’s FOP Mouse Model (IFOPA will support the cost of animal models with the exception of shipping) or available samples from the IFOPA Biobank, if needed. Please contact the IFOPA at grants@ifopa.org for further details on these resources.