



2021 SMST Founders' Grant

Congratulations to the 2021 SMST Founders' Grant Recipient: Dr. William LePage of the University of Tulsa Department of Mechanical Engineering. Dr. LePage's proposal, "Zooming in on Inclusions and their Role in the Fatigue of NiTi Devices," will receive the grant of \$50,000 over two years. The Grant Selection Committee looks forward to results of this study to increase the lifespan and predictability of failure for NiTi devices through targeted, micromechanical experiments that study inclusions and voids. While the

SMST Founders' Grant is usually presented at the SMST conference, the recipient will be asked to provide a mid-grant report at the conference rescheduled for 2022. The next grant will then be given at the following SMST conference in 2024. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The grant to be awarded during the SMST 2024 event.